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ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. +ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Stockholders:

The slowdown in our major markets continued in fiscal 2003, making it another difficult year for Alpha Technologies. It is a tribute to the positive attitude and dedication of our people that we have managed the decline in business as successfully as we have, and that the company continued to generate positive cash flow and reduce debt during tough times.

A number of recent positive developments suggest that the long-awaited economic recovery may finally have begun. Demand for technology products is increasing for the first time in several years and capital spending also is showing signs of renewed growth. Because of the cost reductions and operating efficiencies we have implemented during the downturn, and the strong relationships we have built with key customers, we believe that Alpha is well positioned to benefit as the recovery gains momentum. We hope to deliver a much stronger financial performance in fiscal 2004.

FISCAL 2003 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Revenue for fiscal 2003 declined to \$46.8 million from \$55.6 million for fiscal 2002, the result of lower sales of both thermal management devices and aluminum extrusions. In addition, we also experienced pricing pressures in response to market conditions.

The net loss for fiscal 2003, before charges totaling \$13.3 million for the impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets, was \$2.3 million, or \$0.32 per share. Including these pre-tax, non-recurring items, the net loss for fiscal 2003 was \$15.6 million, or \$2.19 per share.

For fiscal 2002, the net loss before a \$15.6 million goodwill impairment charge, a \$2.1 million loss on the sale of land and building, and a \$561,000 loss associated with debt modifications, was \$514,000, or \$0.07 per share. Including these items, the net loss for fiscal 2002 was \$11.5 million, or \$1.62 per share.

Cash flow for fiscal 2003, as measured by earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), was approximately \$2.2 million. This compares to EBITDA of approximately \$5.6 million for fiscal 2002.

On the balance sheet, working capital amounted to approximately \$9.5 million at fiscal year-end. We reduced total long-term debt by \$2.5 million during the year to \$19.2 million. Shareholders' equity at October 26, 2003 amounted to \$10.7 million, reflecting the write-off of goodwill and the loss from operations.

OPERATIONS REVIEW

With the decline in revenue in fiscal 2003, we focused on aggressively managing our costs and using the positive cash flow we generated to reduce our debt as quickly as possible. These efforts will continue.



For Alpha to prosper, we must stem the losses in revenue, build new sources of profitable business, and find opportunities for growth. This is why we continued to invest in the development of a first-class sales team that has maintained strong relationships with Alpha's traditional customers and developed relationships with a number of new customers in new areas of business for the company.

Demand for Alpha's extrusion products, which tends to be related to general economic conditions, declined substantially during the recession of the past few years. However, since most of our extrusions are shorter-run, value-added products, we do not believe that we lost market share to our larger competitors who focus on large volume, standardized extrusions. We expect this business to recover as the economy improves.

Our heat sink business is susceptible to offshore competition. We responded by sourcing certain of our products in Asia and reducing our costs domestically, to the point that we believe Alpha is now the lowest-cost domestic manufacturer. We also continued to develop increasingly sophisticated products which are not easily copied by low cost offshore manufacturers.

SUMMING UP

Despite the difficult conditions of the past few years, it is clear that the development of high technology products will remain an important element of the expanding economy and one of Alpha's primary areas of growth. While we remain cautious, we are confident that new opportunities for expansion ultimately will materialize. That is why we have worked so hard to preserve our core capabilities, even though the process of doing so has sometimes been very painful. While it is too soon to say that we have reached a turning point, our business appears to have stopped deteriorating, and we even have seen a few signs that conditions may be about to improve.

As always, our goal is to enhance our business for the benefit of our employees, our customers and our shareholders.

Thank you for your continued support.



Lawrence Butler
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer



UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended October 26, 2003

Commission File Number 0-14365

Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

11990 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 350 Los Angeles, CA

(Address of principal executive offices)

76-0079338

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

90049 Zin Code

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 566-4005

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

None

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:

Common Stock, \$.03 par value

(Title of each class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) had been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes \square No \square

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☑

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes \square No \square

Aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant.

\$5,499,202 at April 27, 2003

Number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of Common Stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock, 7,110,336 shares outstanding at December 31, 2003.

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10K For the Fiscal Year Ended October 26, 2003

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Item 1. Business.

Our Company

Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. ("Alpha" or the "Company") designs, extrudes, fabricates and sells thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products for use in a variety of industries including automotive, telecommunication, industrial controls, transportation, power supply, factory automation, consumer electronics, aerospace, defense and microprocessor industries. The Company extrudes aluminum for its use in the production of thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and sells aluminum extrusions to a variety of industries including the construction, sporting goods and other leisure activity markets. Extruded aluminum is the primary raw material in the production of thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products.

The Company was incorporated as Synercom Technology, Inc., in Texas in 1969, and was reincorporated in Delaware in 1983. In April 1995, it changed its name to Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. The Company's business is conducted through its wholly-owned subsidiaries Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. ("Wakefield") which includes the Wakefield-Pelham, Wakefield-Fall River and Wakefield-Temecula divisions, Specialty Extrusion Corp. ("Specialty") and Lockhart Industries, Inc. ("Lockhart").

In January 2001, the Company acquired National Northeast Corporation ("NNE"), which was engaged in the thermal management and aluminum extrusion business in Pelham, New Hampshire. (See Footnote 2: Acquisitions). The Company integrated NNE into its Wakefield subsidiary.

Products

The Company designs, extrudes, fabricates and sells thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and aluminum extrusion products for use in a variety of industries including automotive, telecommunication, industrial controls, transportation, power supply, factory automation, consumer electronics, aerospace, defense and microprocessor industries. The Company extrudes aluminum for its use in the production of its products and sells aluminum extrusions, standard shapes and custom profiles, to a variety of industries including the construction, automotive, industrial platforms sporting goods, and other leisure activity markets.

The Company's principal products include:

Extruded Heat Sinks

Heat sinks and heat sink assemblies designed for high power industrial applications, including transportation equipment; automotive, stereo amplifiers and others; bonded fin heat sinks used by makers of power supplies, transportation equipment and other industrial equipment.

Active Cooling Components

These products use air or liquid to dissipate heat. Air-to-air heat exchangers use fans to exchange heat with cooler air and are used in high-performance telecommunications, military and aerospace systems. These products also include sophisticated precision formed fin/fluxless vacuum brazed chassis, heat exchangers and cold plates used to cool and protect computer, radar and laser systems for the aerospace, military and commercial markets. Liquid cooling systems are used in applications which require the removal of significantly greater amounts of heat than can be achieved by air cooling.

Penguin[™] Coolers

Heat sinks specifically designed to solve thermal problems for the latest high-speed microprocessors offered by major manufacturers. These products are used in personal computers and servers. Older versions of Penguin Coolers are used in embedded microprocessor

applications. In addition, these products solve thermal problems for ASICs, ball grid arrays ("BGA") and multichip modules.

Stamped and Low Power Heat Sinks

Heat sinks designed to dissipate heat generated by power semiconductors, transistors, rectifiers, diodes and other electronic components used in electronic applications. Typically, these are smaller components used on printed circuit boards.

Precision Compression Mounting Clamp Systems

These products are complete mounting clamp and heat sink assembly systems for proper installation, compression and cooling of high-power compression pack (SCR) silicon-controlled rectifiers. These products are used in industrial welding, transportation and motor control systems.

Accessory Products

The Company's accessories include high-performance thermal compounds, adhesives, interface materials and other accessories.

Aluminum Extrusions

The Company extrudes aluminum for its use in the production of thermal management products and sells aluminum extrusions to a variety of industries including the construction, sporting goods and other leisure activity markets.

Non Thermal Fabricated Products

The Company's non-thermal fabricated products include a variety of items such as van racks, steering wheel columns, recreational trailers, louvers, dampers and fencing which are sold for commercial, industrial, and residential use.

Customers

The principal customers for the Company's products are leading original equipment manufacturers ("OEM's") and contract manufacturers ("CM's") of electronic equipment, including: Harman, IBM, Flextronics, Solectron, Rockwell Automation, Lockheed Martin, General Electric, Delphi, SCI/Sanmina, Celestica and Raytheon. The Company has approximately 1,600 customers. Harman International Industries, Inc. accounted for 10.4%, 11.6% and 10.1% of its revenues in fiscal years 2003, 2002 and 2001 respectively.

The Company's products must meet its OEM customer's exacting specifications. Some of the Company's OEM customers require the Company to qualify as an approved supplier. In order to so qualify, the Company must satisfy stringent quality control standards and undergo extensive in-plant inspections of its manufacturing processes, equipment and quality control systems. In conformity with the above, the Company's Wakefield-Temecula division is QS 9000 registered (a quality specification required by numerous automotive customers) and the Company's Wakefield-Fall River and Wakefield-Pelham divisions are ISO 9001-2000 registered (a quality standard required by numerous customers from certain other industries).

Sales, Marketing and Distribution

While the Company designs, manufactures and sells thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and aluminum extrusion products, it seeks to become a strategic supplier to its customers and to differentiate itself from its competitors by leveraging its ability to extrude, fabricate, and anodize products under one umbrella. This vertical integration not only gives the Company complete control over its processes, management believes that it also gives the Company the shortest lead times and lowest cost structure of all domestic suppliers.

The Company has applications engineers who are dedicated to providing ongoing technical support to the Company's customers. These engineers provide solutions to customers for their thermal management problems, answer customers' questions regarding the use and application of the Company's products, provide field support to customers and work with certain key customers to develop new product solutions. The Company believes the technical services provided by its engineers are an important factor in its product sales.

The Company sells its products through its in-house sales personnel and a network of independent manufacturers' representatives and distributors. In North America, the Company's products sales are supported by a customer sales support staff of 14 individuals, six factory direct key account managers, six independent manufacturers' representatives and 13 distributors. In international markets, the Company's thermal management products are sold by: five companies functioning both as manufacturers' representatives and distributors, two manufacturers' representatives and nine distributors.

In general, the Company's manufacturers' representatives and distributors enter into agreements that allow for termination by either party upon 60 days notice. Generally, distributors are permitted to return a small portion of products purchased by them during the term of their agreement with the Company. They are allowed to return all products other than obsolete, minimum buy and custom products upon termination of the agreement. Historically, the amount of returns has been insignificant to the Company's business. The Company's distributors are generally not precluded from marketing competitive products.

Research and Product Development

The Company's product development strategy continues to focus on engineering modifications of existing products to provide customers with higher performance and lower cost products. The Company maintains technical relationships with certain key customers in order to understand their future thermal management requirements and focuses on developing new or modifying existing products to meet such requirements. The Company strives to be included on the recommended vendor list of its customers, however, such recommendation is typically not exclusive.

During fiscal 2003, 2002 and 2001, the Company spent \$396,000, \$496,000, and \$926,000, respectively, on product research and development with respect to its thermal management products. The Company believes that its technical capabilities, in conjunction with its relationships with customers, will allow it to continue to introduce solutions to new thermal management problems responsively.

Competition

The thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and aluminum extrusion products markets are highly competitive. There are many companies which compete directly with the Company in these businesses and offer products and services similar to those offered by the Company. In the thermal management products market, the Company's principal competitor is Aavid Thermal Technologies, Inc. In the non-thermal fabricated products and aluminum extrusion markets, we compete with numerous small and large companies such as Alcoa Inc. and RD Werner Company, Inc. We differentiate ourselves from our competitors by leveraging our ability to extrude, fabricate, and anodize products within one company.

Backlog

The Company's backlog was approximately \$6.9 million and \$7.5 million on October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, respectively. Backlog consists of purchase orders typically scheduled for shipment from two to eight weeks following the order date. The Company's backlog at any time is not indicative of the amount of future revenue to be recognized in any one period.

Proprietary Rights

The Company applies for patents with respect to its most significant patentable developments. It owns 16 patents related to its thermal management products, which expire from 2009 to 2019. Management believes that its competitive position is not dependent on patents and that patent expirations will not materially adversely affect the Company's competitive position.

Raw Materials

The principal raw materials used in the Company's products are aluminum billet and extrusions. The Company owns facilities and equipment which produce the majority of the extruded aluminum it needs to

manufacture its thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products. Raw materials represent a significant portion of the cost of the Company's products. Prices for raw materials are based upon market prices at the time of purchase. Historically, the price of aluminum has experienced substantial volatility. Because raw materials for an order are usually purchased within a short time after an order is accepted and products are generally shipped within 60 days following the order date, the Company does not believe the price volatility for aluminum billet represents a significant risk. All raw materials are readily available from multiple suppliers at competitive prices.

Environmental Regulations

Several aspects of the Company's operations utilize hazardous materials, the removal of which is subject to government regulation. The Company contracts with licensed third party waste companies to remove such hazardous materials. While the Company believes that it conducts its operations in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations and has all environmental permits necessary to conduct its business, more stringent environmental regulations may be enacted in the future, and there can be no assurance that the Company will not incur significant costs in the future in complying with such regulations. Local environmental agencies monitor the Company's operations for ongoing compliance with environmental requirements, and the Company is required to correct any violations revealed by such monitoring. The Company is not aware of any violations or events that would require the Company to incur material cost, nor has the cost of complying with environmental laws represented a material cost to the Company.

Employees

At October 26, 2003, the Company employed 337 people of which 315 were full time. Management believes that employee relations are excellent.

Foreign and Domestic Operations and Export Sales

Financial information about export sales is set forth in Note 16 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 2. Properties.

The Company has leased facilities at the following locations:

Location	Approximate Square Feet	Principal Facility Use	Expiration Date
Pelham, New Hampshire	171,200	Administrative & Manufacturing	September 2017
Temecula, California	44,200	Manufacturing	November 2004
Fullerton, California	15,000	Manufacturing	August 2004
Fall River, Massachusetts	81,000	Manufacturing	July 2008
Paramount, California	36,700	Manufacturing	October 2004
Paramount, California	25,000	Manufacturing	October 2004

The Company's sales, engineering and administrative functions are located in Pelham, New Hampshire. In addition, the Company has office space for some of its corporate staff in Los Angeles, California. Management believes that its facilities are in good condition and suitable for the purposes for which they are used. The Company also has a lease on approximately 19,349 square feet of unused office space in Beverly, Massachusetts which will expire in December 31, 2006. The Company has subleased this space and has accrued the difference between its lease payments and expected sublease payments and other costs related to this space. Leases expiring in 2004 are expected to be renewed. In the unlikely event that any of these leases are not renewed, there is ample alternative lease space available.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

There are no material pending legal proceedings against the Company and, to the Company's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrants' Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Market for Common Stock

The Company's Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market, National Market System (NMS) under the symbol ATGI. Through the facilities of the NASDAQ/NMS reporting system, actual sales prices of the Company's Common Stock are available.

The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices of the Company's Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ National Market System for each full quarterly period within the Company's two most recent fiscal years:

2003	High	Low
First Quarter	\$1.55	\$0.98
Second Quarter	1.26	0.63
Third Quarter	1.79	1.05
Fourth Quarter	1.99	1.30
2002	High	Low
First Quarter	\$5.25	\$2.89
Second Quarter	2.88	1.94
Third Quarter	2.72	1.25
Fourth Quarter	1.74	1.16

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth a description of our equity compensation plans as of October 26, 2003:

	Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options and Warrants	Weighted-average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options and Warrants	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance
Stock option plan approved by shareholders	1,586,208	\$1.77	368,319
Stock option plans not approved by shareholders		_	
Warrants not approved by shareholders(1)	508,225	1.66	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	2,094,433	\$1.74	<u>368,319</u>

⁽¹⁾ All the warrants were approved by the Board of Directors but not approved by the shareholders. Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock were granted to the members of 33 Bridge Investors, LLC as part a sale and leaseback transaction. Marshall Butler, a director

of the Company and a member of 33 Bridge Investors received 125,000 of such warrants. Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 258,225 shares of the Company's Common Stock were granted to the Company's Lenders pursuant to the provisions of the First, Second and Seventh Amendments to the Credit Agreements.

Holders of Record

On December 31, 2003, there were approximately 157 holders of record and approximately 1,300 beneficial owners of the Company's Common Stock.

Dividends

The Company has paid no cash dividends on its Common Stock during fiscal years 2003 and 2002. The Board of Directors of the Company does not intend to authorize the payment of cash dividends to the Company's Common Stock holders in the foreseeable future. Additionally, the Company's Amended Credit Agreement does not permit the Company or its Subsidiaries to declare or pay cash dividends.

Sales of Unregistered Securities

On January 28, 2002, March 4, 2002, and September 5, 2003, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 36,666 shares at an exercise price of \$2.89 per share, an aggregate of 73,334 shares at an exercise price of \$1.94 per share, and an aggregate of 148,225 shares at an exercise price of \$1.62 per share, respectively, of Common Stock of the Company to its Lenders in connection with amendments to its Credit Agreement dated December 26, 2000. Neither the warrants nor the underlying Common Stock have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and transfer of the warrants and underlying shares are subject to restrictions and limitations. The issuance of the warrants and underlying shares was exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act as a transaction not involving any public offering.

On October 1, 2002, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share to the members of 33 Bridge Investors LLC (including Marshall Butler, a director and shareholder of the Company), in connection with the sale and leaseback of the Company's Pelham, New Hampshire manufacturing facility. Neither the warrants nor the underlying Common Stock have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and transfer of the warrants and underlying shares are subject to restrictions and limitations. The issuance of the warrants and underlying shares was exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act as a transaction not involving any public offering.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

In July 2000, the Company sold (the "Uni-Star Sale") its connector business, Uni-Star Industries, Inc. ("Uni-Star") to Tyco Electronics Corporation and Tyco Electronics UK Ltd. The sale resulted in a gain of \$6,478,000, net of taxes.

In November 2000, the Company sold its subsystems business (Malco Technologies, Inc.) for \$2,200,000 in cash and a three-year promissory note in the amount of \$300,000. The sale resulted in a gain of approximately \$207,000, net of taxes.

In January 2001, Alpha purchased all of the outstanding Common Stock of NNE from Mestek, Inc. The purchase price was \$49,900,000 in cash. The operating results of NNE have been included in the Company's consolidated results of operations since its acquisition date.

The results of operations in the following Selected Financial Data have been reclassified to present the results of businesses sold as discontinued operations. As a result, income or loss from continuing operations does not include any financial results associated with businesses sold. In the consolidated financial statements for the Company which are included in this document, these businesses are accounted for as discontinued operations.

	For the Years Ended									
:	October 26, 2003		October 27, October 28, 2002 2001		October 29, 2000		October 31, 1999			
			(In	thousands	excep	t share and	per sh	are data)		
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS(1)										
Sales	\$	46,801	\$	55,574	\$	67,914	\$	61,547	\$	48,429
Cost of sales		41,715		47,343		53,940		43,136		36,121
Gross profit		5,086		8,231		13,974		18,411		12,308
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes(2)(3)		(16,481)		(19,122)		272		8,498		2,656
(Loss) income per share from continuing operations:										
Basic	\$	(2.19)	\$	(1.62)	\$	0.02	\$	1.17	\$	0.38
Diluted	\$	(2.19)	\$	(1.62)	\$	0.02	\$	1.07	\$	0.37
Shares used										
Basic	7	,110,336	7	,109,735	7.	,038,340	6,	759,626	6,	935,778
Diluted	7	,110,336	7,109,735		7,468,125 7		7,	428,551	7,	134,382
BALANCE SHEET DATA(1)										
Total assets	\$	38,295	\$	55,633	\$	77,451	\$	45,605	\$	32,962
Long-term debt, non current		18,150		18,650		 .		2,200		3,960
Stockholders' equity		10,661		25,880		36,870		34,515		18,502

⁽¹⁾ See Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on pages F-1 through F-21

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Operations and Financial Condition.

Forward Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the Company's business based, in part, on assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements due to numerous factors, including the following: changes in demand for the Company's products, product mix, the timing of customer orders and deliveries, the impact of competitive products and pricing, excess or shortage of production capacity, compliance with covenants in the Company's loan documents, ability to meet principal payments under those loan documents and other risks discussed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings and reports. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, and general domestic and international economic conditions. Such forward looking statements speak

⁽²⁾ See "Discontinued Operations" in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

⁽³⁾ Includes goodwill impairment charge of \$13.0 and \$15.6 million for the fiscal years ended October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, respectively. (See Note 20 "Goodwill and Long-Lived Assets" in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.)

only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances which may take place after the date of this report.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in certain circumstances that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes. We regularly evaluate the accounting policies and estimates we use to prepare our financial statements. Estimates are used for, but not limited to, the accounting for allowance for doubtful accounts and sales returns, inventory reserves, and contingencies. These estimates are based on historical experience and various assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the particular applicable facts and circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

We consider our critical accounting policies to be those that (1) involve significant judgements and uncertainties, (2) require estimates that are more difficult for management to determine and (3) have the potential to result in materially different outcomes under varying assumptions and conditions. Our critical accounting policies include the following: recognition of revenues, provision for sales returns, provision for doubtful accounts, provision for inventory reserves, impairment of long-lived assets, and accounting for income taxes. These policies are more fully described in Note 1, "Significant Accounting Policies" in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Results of Operations

The results of operations for fiscal 2001 and prior have been reclassified to reflect the results of operations from Malco Technologies, Inc. as discontinued operations. See introductory paragraphs in "Selected Financial Data". Unless otherwise mentioned, the following discussion reflects results from continuing operations, which includes the thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and aluminum extrusion products including the operating results of NNE since acquisition and Alpha corporate expenses.

Fiscal Year 2003 versus Fiscal Year 2002 Comparison

Net (Loss) Income. The Company reported a net loss for fiscal 2003 of \$15.6 million compared to a net loss of \$11.5 million for fiscal 2002. The Company recorded a \$13.0 million and a \$15.6 million goodwill impairment charge in fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2002, respectively. The Company also incurred a \$323,000 intangible asset impairment charge in fiscal 2003 and a \$2.1 million loss on the sale of land and building in fiscal 2002. After excluding the above mentioned items, the Company incurred a net loss of \$2.3 million in fiscal 2003 compared to a net loss of \$514,000 in fiscal 2002. The increased loss in fiscal 2003 was principally caused by decreased sales.

Sales. The Company's sales for fiscal year 2003 decreased by \$8.8 million to \$46.8 million from \$55.6 million for fiscal year 2002. Management believes that this decrease was primarily due to reduced demand for the Company's products resulting from the weakness in the economy, particularly in the electronics, automotive and aluminum extrusion markets.

Gross Profit. The Company's gross profit margin for fiscal year 2003 was 10.9% of revenue compared to 14.8% of revenue for fiscal year 2002. The Company implemented many cost cutting measures over the past year in an effort to improve operating results such as tight expense controls and improved factory efficiencies. Despite these improvements, gross profit decreased as a result of proportionately higher fixed costs such as rent, depreciation and insurance relative to total sales for the period.

Research and Development. Research and development expenses for fiscal year 2003 were \$396,000 compared to \$496,000 for the same period last year. The decrease was primarily due to lower labor costs and containment of expenses.

Selling, General and Administrative. Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2003 were \$5.8 million or 12.5% of sales as compared to \$6.1 million or 11.0% of sales for fiscal 2002. SG&A expenses in absolute dollars decreased by \$280,000. This decrease was the result of decreases in commission costs, amortization expense, compensation costs, legal fees and certain employee benefit costs. Decreases in commission costs was due to decreased sales. The decrease in amortization expense was due to the write-off of an intangible asset which was determined to be impaired. Decreases in the other expense categories were due to the Company's continued efforts to contain costs.

Impairment of Goodwill. The Company recorded a \$13.0 million and a \$15.6 million goodwill impairment charge in fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2002, respectively. As a result of these charges, the Company no longer has any goodwill on its books.

Impairment of Other Intangible Asset. The Company recorded a \$323,000 impairment charge in fiscal 2003 related to an intangible asset related to a non-compete agreement which management determined would no longer have any value.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$2,042,000 for fiscal 2003 compared to \$2,510,000 for fiscal 2002. This decrease was due to lower interest rates and lower average outstanding borrowings.

Costs Associated with Debt Modifications. The Company recorded a \$561,000 charge in fiscal 2002 resulting from amendments to Credit Agreements with its Lenders which revised certain financial covenants and waived certain events of non-compliance.

(Benefit) Provision for Income Tax. Benefit for income tax was \$883,000 for fiscal 2003 compared to a benefit of \$7.6 million for fiscal 2002. The effective income tax rate for fiscal 2003 was 5.4% compared to 39.9% reported for fiscal 2002. The Company evaluates the recoverability of its recorded deferred tax assets each reporting period and provides valuation allowances where necessary for assets not likely to be recovered. The Company increased its valuation allowance by \$5.6 million in fiscal 2003 as management determined it would be unlikely that the Company will be able to realize the future tax benefit associated with the current year's write-off of goodwill and other intangible assets.

Fiscal Year 2002 versus Fiscal Year 2001 Comparison

Net (Loss) Income. The Company reported a net loss for fiscal 2002 of \$11.5 million which includes the following items: goodwill impairment charge of \$15.6 million, a loss on the sale of land and building of \$2.1 million, and losses associated with debt modifications of \$561,000. The loss reflects a benefit for income taxes of \$7.6 million. The loss before such benefit was \$19.1 million. Net Income for fiscal 2001 of \$305,000 included the following items: a gain from the sale of the Company's subsystems business of \$277,000, net of tax, a loss from discontinued operations of \$79,000, net of tax, and losses associated with debt and modifications of \$650,000.

Sales. The Company's sales for fiscal year 2002 decreased by 18.2% to \$55.6 million from \$67.9 million for fiscal year 2001 (which includes NNE sales from January 9, 2001, the date of acquisition). Although the Company does not prepare separate financial statements for the business previously conducted as NNE, management believes that sales declined in both the NNE business as well as in its previously existing business. Management believes that this decrease was due to reduced demand for the Company's products resulting from the weakness in the economy, particularly in the telecom, networking, electronics and industrial controls markets.

Gross Profit. The Company's gross profit for fiscal year 2002 was 14.8% compared to 20.6% for fiscal year 2001. The Company implemented many cost cutting measures over fiscal 2002 to improve operating results, including employee layoffs, tight expense controls and improved factory efficiencies. Despite these improvements, gross profit decreased as a result of revenues decreasing by \$12.3 million while fixed overhead costs such as depreciation, lease expense and insurance remained relatively unchanged.

Research and Development. Research and development expenses for fiscal year 2002 were \$496,000 compared to \$926,000 for the same period last year. The decrease was primarily due to the reduction in headcount and travel related expenses.

Selling, General and Administrative. Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2002 were \$6.1 million or 11.0% of sales as compared to \$9.0 million or 13.3% of sales for fiscal year 2001. SG&A expenses in absolute dollars decreased by \$2.9 million primarily due to decreases in goodwill amortization, commission expense and compensation costs. Decreases in goodwill amortization was the result of the Company's adoption of SFAS No. 142. Decreases in commission expense is due to decreased sales. Decreases in compensation costs is the direct result of headcount reductions.

Impairment of Goodwill. The Company recorded a \$15.6 million goodwill impairment charge in the third quarter of fiscal 2002. The Goodwill of the Company is tested for impairment annually on June 1st and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that could result in impairment.

Loss on Sale of Land and Building. The Company sold its Pelham, New Hampshire manufacturing facility as part of a sale and leaseback transaction. The sales price of the facility was \$4,750,000. In connection with the sale and leaseback transaction, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The warrants were valued at approximately \$274,000 using the Black Scholes method. The book value of the land, buildings and improvements was approximately \$6.3 million. Selling costs were approximately \$300,000, excluding the value of the warrants. The loss on the sale of the property was \$2.1 million (\$1.3 million, net of tax).

Costs Associated with Debt Modifications. The Company recorded charges of \$561,000 and \$650,000 during fiscal 2002 and fiscal 2001, respectfully, resulting from amendments to Credit Agreements with its Lenders which revised certain financial covenants and waived certain events of non-compliance.

Interest and Other Income (net). Interest income was \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2002 compared to \$201,000 for fiscal year 2001. The decrease in income was due to lower interest income associated with lower cash balances on hand during the period. The Company recorded other income(net)in fiscal 2001 of \$72,000 which was due primarily to the gain on the sale of certain equipment no longer being used in the business.

(Benefit) Provision for Income Tax. Benefit for income tax was \$7.6 million in fiscal year 2002 compared to an income tax provision of \$165,000 for fiscal year 2001. The effective income tax rate for fiscal year 2002 was 39.9% compared to 60.7% for fiscal year 2001.

Gain on Sale of Discontinued Operation. Gain on sale of discontinued operations was the result of the Company's sale of Malco Technologies Group, Inc. in fiscal year 2001.

Income Taxes

On October 26, 2003, the Company had pre tax operating loss carry forwards for both Federal and State of approximately \$16,120,000 available to reduce future taxable income, unused investment and research and development tax credits of approximately \$208,000 and \$228,000 of alternative minimum tax credits available to offset future Federal income taxes. The Federal net operating loss carry forwards will expire from 2017 to 2021, the investment tax credit and research and development tax credit carry forwards will expire from 2004 to 2006, and the alternative minimum tax credit has no expiration. The state net operating loss carry forwards will expire from 2004 to 2007.

The Company currently carries deferred tax assets of approximately \$10.0 million, net of valuation allowances of \$6.1 million. The Company evaluates the recoverability of its deferred tax assets each reporting period and provides valuation allowances for assets not likely to be realized. Realization of these assets is predicated on a return of the Company to sustained profitability and the generation of sufficient taxable income to absorb these tax assets. Effective in the third quarter of 2003, the Company began to provide valuation allowances against newly generated loss carryforwards, as the Company's operating history had led to a conclusion that these newly generated assets were less likely of realization than those already recognized. In the event that the Company's operations improve, the valuation allowances against these assets may be

reversed, which would increase income. Conversely, in the event that the Company's operations deteriorate, further valuation allowances against previously recognized assets may be required.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Credit Facilities

On January 9, 2001, the Company and its subsidiaries, as guarantors, entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with several banks and other financial institutions ("the Lenders"). Loans under the Credit Agreement consist of a revolving credit facility and a term loan, and are secured by a first lien on and the assignment of all of the Company's assets. Under the Credit Agreement, the Company must meet certain covenants.

The Credit Agreement has been amended seven times to revise various financial covenants, revise principal payment schedules and to waive certain events of covenant non-compliance. The Company has paid various cash fees and has issued warrants to purchase 258,225 shares of the Company's Common Stock to the Lenders in connection with the amendments.

On September 5, 2003, the Company and its Lenders entered into a Seventh Amendment to the Credit Agreement which revised the Maximum Leverage Ratio and Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the balance of fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2004 to levels that management believes the Company will be able to achieve. The Lenders waived the non-compliance with certain covenants at July 27, 2003, added new Minimum EBITDA and Interest Coverage covenants for the remainder of fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2004, revised the allowable amounts to be spent on capital expenditures for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 and eliminated the Minimum Net Worth requirement. At October 26, 2003, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement. For periods ending on or after April 1, 2004, interest on the revolving credit facility and term loan will increase by .5% at maximum financial leverage levels. Lastly, the September 5, 2003 amendment reduced the principal payments from \$750,000 to \$250,000 per quarter for the remainder of fiscal year 2003 and from \$1,500,000 to \$250,000 per quarter for fiscal year 2004. The maturity date of the revolver was extended from June 2004 to January 2005. The term debt continues to mature on January 2006 at which time a final balloon payment of \$11.0 million will be due.

Under the Amended Credit Agreement, the revolving credit facility accrues interest on outstanding borrowings at LIBOR plus 3.5% (4.67% on October 26, 2003) and expires in January 2005. There is also an unused line fee equal to .75% per annum. The Company may borrow up to the lesser of \$5 million or 60% of eligible accounts receivable (\$3.3 million at October 26, 2003), as defined by the Amended Credit Agreement. As of October 26, 2003, \$3.2 million has been drawn and is outstanding on the revolving credit facility.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains financial and other covenants with which the Company must comply. These covenants include limitations on the amount of financial leverage the Company can incur, minimum fixed charge coverage, minimum interest coverage, limits on capital spending, and required levels of EBITDA. The maximum financial leverage ratio, which is calculated by dividing funded debt by rolling twelve month EBITDA, was waived for the third quarter of fiscal 2003 and must not exceed: 11.0:1 for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2003 through the second quarter of fiscal 2004; 10.3:1 for the third quarter of fiscal 2004; 8.1:1 for the fourth quarter of 2004, and 1.75:1 for first quarter of fiscal 2005 and thereafter. The fixed charge coverage ratio, which is calculated by dividing EBITDA minus Capital Expenditures by fixed charges, was waived for the remainder of fiscal year 2003. It must be no less than: 0.60:1 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004; 0.70:1 for the second and third quarters of fiscal 2004; and 0.85:1 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004 and thereafter. The interest coverage ratio, which is calculated by dividing EBITDA by interest expense, must be no less than 0.70:1 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003; 1.00:1 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004; 1.20:1 for the second and third quarters of fiscal 2004 and 1.50:1 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004. Capital spending is limited to \$450,000 for fiscal year 2003, \$300,000 for fiscal year 2004, and \$1.0 million for fiscal year 2005 and each year thereafter. Required levels of EBITDA are \$350,000 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003; \$520,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004; \$1,220,000 for the second quarter year to date of fiscal 2004; \$1,730,000 for the third quarter year to date of fiscal 2004 and \$2,620,000 for the entire 2004 fiscal year. Additionally, the Amended Credit Agreement does not permit the Company or its Subsidiaries to declare or pay cash dividends. At October 26, 2003, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

A portion of the outstanding term loan, \$12.0 million on October 26, 2003, is covered by an interest rate swap (the "hedged loan"). The hedged loan accrues interest at a fixed rate of 8.47%. The balance of the term loan not covered by the swap, \$7.2 million on October 26, 2003, consists of a note which accrues interest at the relevant LIBOR rate plus 3.5% (4.64% at October 26, 2003).

Cash Flow Information

On October 26, 2003, the Company had cash of approximately \$1,677,000 compared to \$751,000 on October 27, 2002. For fiscal year 2003, \$3,918,000 was provided by operating activities of which \$2,650,000 was used to pay down \$2,500,000 of long-term debt and \$150,000 of bank fees related to the amendments made to the Credit Agreements. For fiscal year 2002, \$2,772,000 was provided by operating activities and \$4,490,000 was provided from investing activities as a result of the net proceeds received from the sale and leaseback of its Pelham, New Hampshire facility. Cash flows generated from operations and investing activities in fiscal 2002 were used to pay down \$8,750,000 of long-term debt and \$656,000 of bank fees related to the amendments made to the Credit Agreements. The increase in cash provided from operating activities for fiscal 2003 compared to fiscal 2002 was due primarily to lower accounts receivable and inventory balances at October 26, 2003 compared to October 27, 2002. Capital purchases for fiscal 2003 were \$390,000 compared to \$459,000 for fiscal 2002. Working Capital was \$9.5 million at both October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002. The Company believes that its available cash and anticipated future cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund operations over the next twelve months.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes the Company's contractual obligations by fiscal year:

Contractual Obligations	2004	2005	2006	2007_	2008	Thereafter	Total
			()	In thousand	ds)		
Long-term debt obligations	\$1,000	\$10,400	\$10,950	\$	\$ —	\$ —	\$22,350
Operating lease obligations	1,810	1,487	1,233	1,236	1,246	7,060	14,072
Total	\$2,810	<u>\$11,887</u>	\$12,183	\$1,236	<u>\$1,246</u>	<u>\$7,060</u>	<u>\$36,422</u>

Results of Operations

The Company's results of operations have been affected by the economic downturn. In response to the reduction in revenue, the Company has taken a number of steps to improve operational efficiency and profitability, including reductions in head count at several of our facilities. These steps, coupled with the changes to our credit facilities discussed above, should provide sufficient liquidity to fund operations for at least the next twelve months.

Sale Leaseback with Related Party

On October 1, 2002, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. ("Wakefield") entered into a sale and leaseback transaction for its 171,235 square foot Pelham, New Hampshire manufacturing facility (the "Property"). Wakefield sold the Property to 33 Bridge Investors, LLC ("33 Bridge"), a newly-formed entity in which Marshall D. Butler, a director of the Company owns 50% of the equity interest, for a purchase price of \$4,750,000. In connection with the sale and leaseback transaction, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.03 per share, of the Company to the members of 33 Bridge, including warrants to purchase 125,000 shares of Common Stock to Marshall D. Butler, at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The warrants were valued at approximately \$274,000 using the Black Scholes method. The book value of the land, buildings and improvements was approximately \$6.3 million. Selling costs were approximately \$300,000, excluding the value of the warrants.

Effective on October 1, 2002, 33 Bridge and Wakefield entered into a lease whereby Wakefield leased the Property from 33 Bridge for 15 years at an initial rent of \$630,000 per year with annual increases between 2% and 2.5% per annum. Wakefield is responsible for operating expenses including taxes, utilities, insurance and maintenance. As a result of the transaction the Company expects annual expenses initially to increase by \$325,000 representing the difference between rental expense and interest and depreciation expense. The obligations of Wakefield under the lease are guaranteed by the Company.

The purchase price and other terms of the sale and leaseback transaction were the result of negotiations between representatives of the Company and representatives of 33 Bridge. The terms of the transaction were approved by the members of the Audit Committee of the Company constituted as a Special Committee of Independent Directors.

The Company applied the net proceeds of the sale and leaseback transaction to its \$5,000,000 principal payment made on October 1, 2002 pursuant to its Credit Agreement, dated December 26, 2000, as amended (the "Credit Agreement").

Lease Commitments

The Company has operating lease commitments for certain office equipment and manufacturing, administrative and support facilities. Minimum lease payments under noncancellable leases, including amounts related to the sale leaseback discussed above, are as follows:

	Total
	(In
	thousands)
Fiscal year ending October:	
2004	\$ 1,810
2005	1,487
2006	1,233
2007	1,236
2008	1,246
Thereafter	7,060
Minimum lease payments	\$14,072

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Under the Amended Credit Agreement, the revolving credit facility accrues interest on outstanding borrowings at LIBOR plus 3.5% (4.67% on October 26, 2003) and expires in January 2005. There is also an unused line fee equal to .75% per annum. The Company may borrow up to the lesser of \$5 million or 60% of eligible accounts receivable (\$3.3 million at October 26, 2003), as defined by the Amended Credit Agreement. As of October 26, 2003, \$3.2 million has been drawn and is outstanding on the revolving credit facility. At current borrowing levels, a 1% increase in interest rates in our variable rate revolving credit facility would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$32,000.

A portion of the outstanding term loan (\$12.0 million on October 26, 2003) is covered by an interest rate swap (the "hedged loan"). The hedged loan accrues interest at a fixed rate of 8.47%. The balance of the term loan not covered by the swap, \$7.2 million on October 26, 2003, consists of a note which accrues interest at the relevant LIBOR rate plus 3.5% (4.64% at October 26, 2003). At current borrowing levels, a 1% increase in interest rates in our variable rate term debt would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$72,000.

The Company, as required by the Amended Credit Agreement, utilizes an interest rate swap (the "swap") to hedge against its interest rate risk. The swap is designated as a cash flow hedge and is carried on the balance sheets at fair value. The effective portion of unrealized gains or losses on the fair value of the swap is charged to other comprehensive income until the hedged transaction is complete and affects earnings. Ineffectiveness is charged to earnings as incurred. The amount of ineffectiveness has not been material to date.

The effect of the swap is to convert the interest rate on the hedged loan from a variable rate as described above to a fixed rate of 8.47%. The swap matures on March 31, 2004.

The principal raw material used in thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products is aluminum. Raw materials represent a significant portion of the cost of the Company's products. Prices for raw materials are based on market prices at the time of purchase. Historically, the price of aluminum has experienced substantial volatility. Although thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products are generally shipped within 60 days following the order date, increases in raw materials prices cannot always be reflected in product sales prices. All raw materials are readily available from multiple suppliers at competitive prices. The Company does not believe its risk in respect to raw materials price volatility is significant since the raw materials for an order are usually purchased within a short period of time after the order is accepted.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Financial statements and supplementary data required pursuant to this Item are presented on pages F-1 through F-23 of this report.

Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

Effective May 9, 2002, the Company engaged Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche") as the independent auditors. The decision to change the Company's independent auditors was recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company dismissed its previous certifying accountant, Grant Thornton LLP ("Grant Thornton") effective May 9, 2002.

Grant Thornton's report on the Company's financial statements for the fiscal years ended October 28, 2001 and October 29, 2000 were unqualified. There were no disagreements with Grant Thornton on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure during those fiscal years, and in the subsequent interim period through May 9, 2002, the date the relationship ended, which, if not resolved to Grant Thornton's satisfaction, would have caused Grant Thornton to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement(s) in connection with its Report.

Prior to its engagement as the Company's independent auditors, Deloitte & Touche had not been consulted by the Company either with respect to the application of accounting principles to a specific transaction or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

At the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. During the fourth quarter of 2003, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant.

The current members of the Board of Directors were most recently elected at the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders for a term of one year, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal. The members, their ages and certain other information about each of them are set forth below.

Name	<u>Age</u>	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years
Lawrence Butler	41	Mr. L. Butler has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since May 1999. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of Alpha from April 19, 1995 until May 1999. He was an executive vice president of Alpha from September 1994 until April 1995. He has been director, president and sole shareholder of Camelia Group, Inc., the general partner of Dot.Com Partners, L.P., f/k/a Steel Partners, L.P. (private investment partnership), a Delaware limited partnership ("Dot.Com"), since 1990. Lawrence Butler is Marshall Butler's son. Member of the Executive Committee. He has been a director of the Company since September 1994.
Marshall D. Butler	76	Mr. M. Butler was Chairman of the Board of Alpha from April 26, 1993 until May 1999. Mr. M. Butler is currently Chairman of First Israel Mezzanine Fund, which focuses on buyouts of Israeli companies and is a general partner of Israel Infinity Venture Capital, a venture capital fund that invests in Israeli companies. He was a director of AVX Corporation, a manufacturer of ceramic capacitors from 1973 to 1999 and was Chief Executive Officer of AVX Corporation from December 1973 until 1993. Mr. M. Butler was a director of Mass Mutual Corporate Investors from 1994 through 2000, and Mass Mutual Participation Investors from 1989 through 2000. Mr. M. Butler is the father of Lawrence Butler. Member of the Executive, Nominating and Compensation Committees. He has been a Director of the Company since April 1993.
Richard E. Gormley	43	Mr. Gormley has been, since April 2000, a Managing Director of Private Equity Finance for SG Cowen Securities Corporation. From April 1999 until April 2000, Mr. Gormley was Chief Executive Officer of SKYHIGH Records, Inc., a privately held music production company, and also acted as a consultant to technology companies. From September 1996 until April 1999, Mr. Gormley was a Managing Director and Global Head of Debt and Equity Private Placements, 144A Offerings and High Yield Originations for Rabobank International. For more than five years prior thereto, he was a Director of Nesbitt Burns Securities, Inc. Member of the Stock Option, Nominating and Audit committees. He has been a Director since May 2001.

Name	Age	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years
Donald K. Grierson	69	Mr. Grierson served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Alpha from April 1993 through April 1995. From December 7, 1988 until April 26, 1993, Mr. Grierson served as Chairman of the Board of Alpha. For more than the past five years, Mr. Grierson has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of ABB Vetco Gray Inc., which designs, manufactures, sells and services highly engineered exploration and production equipment used by the worldwide oil and gas industry. Mr. Grierson currently serves as a director of Parametric Technology Inc., a developer and marketer of software products for the automation of the mechanical design process. Member of Alpha's Stock Option, Nominating, Compensation and Audit Committees. He has been a director of the Company since February 1988.
Frederic A. Heim	77	Mr. Heim has been a private investor for more than the past five years. He served as a director of Encino Savings and Loan, Van Nuys, California, from 1991 through 1994. He was a co-founder and, from 1981 to 1990, a director and Executive Vice President of Computer Memories Incorporated, which manufactured computer disk drives. Member of Stock Option, Nominating, Audit and Compensation Committees. He has been a Director of the Company since April 1993.
Robert C. Streiter	43	Mr. Streiter has been President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company since May 1999. He was president of UniStar Industries, Inc. ("Uni-Star"), a subsidiary of the Company, until its sale in July 2000, and has been President of Wakefield Engineering, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company, since September 21, 1998. From June 1988 to November 1997, Mr. Streiter was employed at AVX Filters Corp. in the positions of Controller, Operations Manager and Plant Manager; and was previously employed at Johanson Dielectrics, Inc. from November 1997, until he left to join Uni-Star. He has been a director of the Company since May 1999.

The current executive officers of the Company are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Lawrence Butler	41	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Robert C. Streiter	43	President and Chief Operating Officer
Steve E. Chupik	60	Vice President Administration
James J. Polakiewicz	38	Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Each officer of the Company holds office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal.

For information concerning Messrs. L. Butler and Streiter see above.

Mr. Chupik has been Vice President Administration of the Company since August 1993; from May 1988, he was Vice President Human Resources of the Company.

Mr. Polakiewicz has been Chief Financial Officer of the Company since September 2001; from January 1995, he was Vice President of Finance for Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's officers and directors, and holders of more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership of such securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Officers, directors and greater than ten percent beneficial owners are required by applicable regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Other than Lawrence Butler and Marshall Butler, the Company is not aware of a beneficial owner of more than ten percent of its Common Stock.

Based on a review of the copies of Forms 3, 4 and 5 furnished to the Company, the Company believes that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors and ten percent holders were complied within a timely manner during fiscal year 2003.

Code of Ethics for Senior Executive and Financial Officers

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Executive and Financial Officers. A copy of the Code of Ethics is filed as Exhibit 14 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Company's Board of Directors has determined that Richard Gormley, a director and a member of the audit committee, is an Audit Committee Financial Expert. Mr. Gormley is independent as that term is used in Item 7(d)(3) (iv) of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The following table sets forth the compensation paid or accrued for services rendered in all capacities on behalf of the Company during the last three fiscal years to the current executive officers who received compensation in excess of \$100,000 during the fiscal year ended October 26, 2003.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Annua Salary	il Compensa Bonus	tion Other	Long Term Compensation Awards Securities Underlying Options/SARs	All Other Compensation
Lawrence Butler	2003	\$260,000	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$520,000(7)	\$14,400(1)
Chairman and Chief Executive	2003	245,375(8)	э —	J	\$520,000(7)	16,664(1)
Officer	2001	250,250		_	125,000	17,550(1)
Robert C. Streiter	2003	260,000	100,000	_	475,000(7)	8,200(2)
President and Chief Operating	2002	245,375(8)	_	_		12,700(2)
Officer	2001	250,250	_		125,000	12,888(2)
Steve E. Chupik	2003	128,400	_	_	70,267(7)	8,200(4)
Vice President, Administration	2002	128,400	_	_		11,813(4)
	2001	128,400	_	12,346(3)	10,000	13,220(4)
James J. Polakiewicz	2003	125,000	25,000	3,305(3)	71,275(7)	
Chief Financial Officer(6)	2002	127,467	_			4,130(5)
	2001	115,000	10,000	_	20,000	3,690(5)

⁽¹⁾ Represents car allowance of \$14,400 for fiscal 2003; represents car allowance of \$14,400 and 401(k) Employer Matching Contribution of \$2,264 for fiscal 2002; represents car allowance of \$14,400 and 401(k) Employer Matching Contribution of \$3,150 for fiscal 2001.

- (2) Represents car allowance of \$8,200 for fiscal 2003; represents car allowance of \$7,200 and 401(k) Employer Matching Contribution of \$5,500 for fiscal 2002; represents car allowance of \$8,200 and 401(k) Employer Matching Contribution of \$4,688 for fiscal 2001.
- (3) Represents accrued vacation payments.
- (4) Represents car allowance of \$7,200 and medical insurance waiver of \$1,000 for fiscal 2003; represents car allowance of \$7,200, medical insurance waiver of \$1,000 and 401(k) Employer Matching Contribution of \$3,613 for fiscal 2002; represents car allowance of \$8,200, medical insurance waiver of \$1,200 and 401(k) Employer Matching Contribution of \$3,820 for fiscal 2001.
- (5) Represents 401(k) Employer Matching Contributions.
- (6) Mr. Polakiewicz became Chief Financial Officer of the Company in September 2001. Amounts reflected in the table above for 2001 represent his compensation for the entire fiscal year.
- (7) Represents new options which were granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan in exchange for existing options outstanding.
- (8) Both Mr. Butler and Mr. Streiter took a voluntary salary reduction equal to 85% of their base salary for a portion of fiscal year 2002.

Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year

The following table sets forth information regarding grants of stock options to the Named Executive Officers during the last fiscal year. No SARs were granted by the Company during the last fiscal year. On February 28, 2003, the Company offered to eligible employees, directors and consultants ("Eligible Employees") the opportunity to exchange all their outstanding options to purchase shares of Alpha common stock for new options to be granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan. All of the following options granted represent new options which were granted in exchange for existing outstanding options.

	Options/SARs	% of Options/ SARs Granted to Employees During	Exercise	Expiration	Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Appreciation for Option Term		
Name	Granted	Fiscal Year	Price/Share	Date	5% Per Year	10% Per Year	
Lawrence Butler	520,000	33.0%	\$1.78	10/07/08	\$255,726	\$ 565,088	
Robert C. Streiter	475,000	30.1%	1.78	10/07/13	531,730	1,347,509	
Steve E. Chupik	70,267	4.5%	1.78	10/07/13	78,659	199,338	
James J. Polakiewicz	71,275	4.5%	1.78	10/07/13	79,788	202,197	

Aggregated Option Exercises in Fiscal Year Ended October 26, 2003 and Fiscal Year End Option Values

The following table sets forth information regarding each exercise of stock options during the fiscal year ended October 26, 2003 by the Named Executive Officers and the fiscal year-end value of unexercised options held by such persons. No Named Executive Officers exercised any options during the fiscal year ended October 26, 2003.

Name	Number of Unexercised Options at Fiscal Year End Exercisable/Unexercisable	Value Unexercised In-the Money Options at Fiscal Year End Exercisable/Unexercisable(1)
Lawrence Butler	445,001/74,999	-
Robert C. Streiter	366,668/108,332	
Steve E. Chupik	60,268/9,999	
James J. Polakiewicz	51,277/19,998	

⁽¹⁾ Fair market value at October 26, 2003 was less than exercise price.

Employment Agreements

Effective November 1, 2003, the Company entered into a three year employment agreement with Lawrence Butler pursuant to which Mr. Butler is to serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of the Company. Under the agreement, Mr. Butler is entitled to a base annual salary of \$275,000. In addition, the Agreement provides for an annual bonus based on the Company's earnings from continuing operations before provision for income taxes. The agreement provides that in the event of a change in control, Mr. Butler may terminate the agreement.

Effective November 1, 2003, the Company entered into a three year employment agreement with Robert C. Streiter pursuant to which Mr. Streiter is to serve as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Under the agreement, Mr. Streiter is entitled to a base annual salary of \$300,000. In addition, the Agreement provides for an initial signing bonus of \$100,000 payable during the first year of the term of the agreement and an annual bonus based on the Company's earnings from continuing operations before provision for income taxes. The agreement provides that in the event of a change in control, Mr. Streiter may terminate the agreement.

Effective November 1, 2003, the Company entered into a three year employment agreement with James Polakiewicz pursuant to which Mr. Polakiewicz is to serve as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Under the agreement, Mr. Polakiewicz is entitled to a base annual salary of \$145,000. In addition, the Agreement provides for an initial signing bonus of \$25,000 payable during the first year of the term of the agreement and an annual bonus based on the Company's earnings from continuing operations before provision for income taxes.

Compensation of Directors

During 2001, an amendment to the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan was approved by the Company's Board of Directors and Stockholders to provide for the annual grant of options to purchase 5,000 shares of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. Common Stock to each non-employee director elected at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in 2001 and 2002. During 2002, an amendment to the Company's 1994 Stock Option Plan was approved by the Company's Board of Directors and Stockholders to provide for automatic grants of options to purchase 5,000 shares Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. Common Stock to each non-employee director elected at Annual Meetings of Stockholders held in 2003 and 2004. Such options, which are not Incentive Stock Options, are exercisable at the fair market value of Common Stock of the Company on the day of the Annual Meeting, vest one year from the date of the grant and are exercisable until the date that is the earlier of five years from the date of grant or 90 days after the Optionee ceases to be a director of the Company.

The Company issued to Richard E. Gormley, options under the Company's 1994 Stock option Plan to purchase 25,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$5.82 per share, the fair market value of a Common Share of the Company on the date Mr. Gormley was elected as director at the 2001 Annual Meeting. The options are exercisable in three equal installments on each of the first three annual anniversary dates of the grant of the options.

On February 28, 2003, the Company offered to eligible employees, directors and consultants ("Eligible Employees") the opportunity to exchange all their outstanding options to purchase shares of Alpha common stock for new options to be granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan. The number of shares subject to the new options to be granted to each Eligible Employee was equal to the number of shares subject to the options tendered by the Eligible Employee and accepted for exchange. The exercise price per share of the new options was \$1.78 which was the fair market value on the date of grant. Each of the directors elected to exchange all their outstanding options and were granted new options under the Company's Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan.

In addition, directors who are not employees of or consultants to the Company will be paid \$1,000 for each meeting of the Board of Directors physically attended and \$1,000 for each committee meeting physically

attended. Directors who are officers of or consultants to the Company will not receive any additional compensation for serving on the Board of Directors or its committees.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Board has a Compensation Committee, which currently consists of Marshall D. Butler, Donald Grierson and Frederic A. Heim. For services to the Company, Marshall Butler, formerly Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, received compensation of \$19,375 in fiscal year 2003.

On October 1, 2002, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. ("Wakefield") entered into a sale and leaseback transaction for its 171,235 square foot Pelham, New Hampshire manufacturing facility (the "Property"). Wakefield sold the Property to 33 Bridge Investors, LLC ("33 Bridge"), a newly-formed entity in which Marshall D. Butler, a director of the Company owns 50% of the equity interest, for a purchase price of \$4,750,000. In connection with the sale and leaseback transaction, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.03 per share, to the members of 33 Bridge, including warrants to purchase 125,000 shares of Common Stock to Marshall D. Butler, at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The warrants were valued at approximately \$274,000 using the Black Scholes method. The book value of the land, buildings and improvements was approximately \$6.3 million. Selling costs were approximately \$300,000, excluding the value of the warrants. The loss on the sale of the property was \$2.1 million (\$1.3 million, net of tax).

Effective on October 1, 2002, 33 Bridge and Wakefield entered into a lease whereby Wakefield leased from 33 Bridge the Property for 15 years at an initial rent of \$630,000 per year with annual increases between 2% and 2.5% per annum. Wakefield is responsible for operating expenses including taxes, utilities, insurance and maintenance. As a result of the transaction the Company expects annual expenses initially to increase by \$325,000 representing the difference between rental expense and interest and depreciation expense. The obligations of Wakefield under the lease are guaranteed by the Company.

The purchase price and other terms of the sale and leaseback transaction were the result of negotiations between representatives of the Company and representatives of 33 Bridge. The terms of the transaction were approved by the members of the Audit Committee of the Company constituted as a Special Committee of Independent Directors. The Company applied the net proceeds to its \$5,000,000 principal payment made on October 1, 2002 pursuant to its Credit Agreement, dated December 26, 2000, as amended (the "Credit Agreement").

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

The following table sets forth as of December 31, 2003, the number and percentage of outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company owned beneficially, within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), by (i) each stockholder known by the Company to own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock; (ii) each director of the Company; (iii) each named executive officer; and (iv) all directors and executive officers, as a group. Except as otherwise specified, the named beneficial owner has sole voting and investment power.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owners(1)	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership (2)	Percent of Class(2)
Lawrence Butler(5)	1,720,622	22.6%
Marshall D. Butler(3)(4)	1,007,342	13.9%
Robert C. Streiter(9)	475,547	6.3%
Donald K. Grierson(6)	248,000	3.5%
Steve E. Chupik(10)	89,268	1.2%
Frederic A. Heim(3)(7)	70,200	1.0%
James J. Polakiewicz(11)	61,406	0.9%
Richard E. Gormley	26,667	0.4%
Dot. Com Partners, L.P.(8)	695,038	9.8%
Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc	356,716	5.0%
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (8 persons) (13)	3,699,052	43.9%

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner is c/o Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., 11990 San Vicente Boulevard, Suite 350, Los Angeles CA 90049.
- (2) Includes shares deemed to be beneficially owned by such persons or entities pursuant to Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act because they have the right to acquire such shares within 60 days upon the exercise of options or similar rights or because such persons or entities have or share investment or voting power.
- (3) Does not include shares owned by Dot.Com of which Mr. M. Butler and Mr. Heim are each limited partners. Messrs. M. Butler and Heim disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Includes 128,333 shares which Mr. M. Butler has the right to acquire upon the exercise of stock options within 60 days, 125,000 shares which Mr. Butler has the right to acquire upon the exercise of warrants related to a sales and leaseback transaction and 470,184 shares owned by a trust of which Mr. M. Butler is a trustee.
- (5) Includes 695,038 shares owned by Dot.Com, 231,560 shares owned by trusts of which Mr. L. Butler is trustee, 495,000 shares which Mr. L. Butler has the right to acquire upon the exercise of stock options within 60 days and 35,520 shares held for Mr. L. Butler's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (6) Includes 40,000 shares which Mr. Grierson has the right to acquire upon the exercise of stock options within 60 days.
- (7) Includes 65,000 shares that Mr. Heim has the right to acquire upon exercise of stock options within 60 days.
- (8) Shares owned by Dot.Com are also included in the number of shares reported as beneficially owned by Mr. L. Butler, the president and sole shareholder of the general partner of Dot.Com.
- (9) Includes 433,334 shares that Mr. Streiter has the right to acquire upon exercise of stock options within 60 days, 14,900 shares owned by Mr. Streiter's spouse as to which Mr. Streiter disclaims beneficial ownership and 3,313 shares held for Mr. Streiter's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan.

- (10) Includes 63,601 shares that Mr. Chupik has the right to acquire within 60 days and 13,834 shares held for Mr. Chupik's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (11) Includes 57,943 shares that Mr. Polakiewicz has the right to acquire upon exercise of stock options within 60 days and 3,438 shares held for Mr. Polakiewicz's account in the Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (12) Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. ownership as of September 30, 2003.
- (13) Includes 1,309,878 shares which individuals in the group have the right to acquire upon the exercise of stock options which are exercisable within 60 days, 56,105 shares held for the accounts of the individuals in the group in the Company's 401(k) Plan, 695,038 shares held by Dot.Com, 231,560 shares owned by trusts of which Mr. L. Butler is trustee, and 470,184 shares owned by a trust of which Mr. M. Butler is a trustee.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

On October 1, 2002, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. entered into a sale and leaseback transaction for its 171,235 square foot Pelham, New Hampshire manufacturing facility. Wakefield sold the Property to 33 Bridge Investors, LLC ("33 Bridge"), a newly-formed entity in which Marshall D. Butler, a director of the Company owns 50% of the equity interest, for a purchase price of \$4,750,000. In connection with the sale and leaseback transaction, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.03 per share, of the Company to the members of 33 Bridge, including warrants to purchase 125,000 shares of Common Stock to Marshall D. Butler, at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The Company incurred rental expense of approximately \$61,000 in October 2002 related to this lease.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Aggregate fees for professional services rendered for the Company for the fiscal years ended October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002 were as follows:

	For the Ye	ears Ended
Type of Fee	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002
	(In thousands)	
Audit Fees	\$119	\$ 89
Audit Related Fees	10	8
Tax Fees	65	64
Total	<u>\$194</u>	<u>\$161</u>

The Audit fees for the fiscal years ended October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, respectively, were for professional services rendered for the audits of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and statutory audits. Audit related fees for the fiscal years ended October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, respectively, were for the audits of the Company's employee benefit plans. Tax fees for the fiscal years ended October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, respectively, were for services related to federal and state tax compliance and advice.

PART IV

- Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K.
 - (a) The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
 - (1) Consolidated Financial Statements
 - (2) Financial Statement Schedules:

All schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is shown in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits:

The exhibits listed in the accompanying Index to Exhibits on are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

The Company filed a report on September 9, 2003 in connection with the release of its financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended July 27, 2003.

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Exhibit No.

- 2.1 Stock Purchase Agreement Between Mestek, Inc. and Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. dated September 18, 2000 (Exhibits and schedules pursuant to the Agreement have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits and schedules upon request of the Commission.) (1)
- 2.2 Amendment No. 1 dated November 10, 2000 to the Stock Purchase Agreement dated September 18, 2000 by and between Mestek, Inc. and Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.(1)
- 2.3 Stock Purchase Agreement By and Among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., Uni-Star Industries, Inc., Tyco Electronics Corporation and Tyco Electronics UK Ltd. dated July 28, 2000. (Exhibits and schedules pursuant to the Agreement have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits and schedules upon request of the Commission.) (2)
- 2.4 Asset Purchase Agreement By and Between Malco Technologies, Inc., Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., and MTAC LLC dated November 8, 2000. (Exhibits and schedules pursuant to the Agreement have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits and schedules upon request of the Commission.) (3)
- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended through April 18, 1995.(4)(5)
- 3.1(a) Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation dated April 19, 1995(6)
- 3.2 By-laws of the Company(6)
- 4.1 Credit Agreement among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., The Lenders Parties thereto, Union Bank of California, N.A. as Sole Lead Arranger and Union Bank of California, N.A. as Administrative Agent dated December 26, 2000. (Exhibits and schedules pursuant to the Agreement have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits and schedules upon request of the Commission.)(1)
- 4.2 Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver dated January 28, 2002 among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., the Lenders party thereto and Union Bank of California, N.A. as administrative agent for the Lenders including as Exhibit B thereto the form of Warrant to purchase shares of Common Stock issued to the Lenders and Agent (12)
- 4.3 Second Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver, dated as of March 4, 2002 among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., the Lenders party thereto and Union Bank of California, N.A., as administrative agent for the Lenders. (Exhibits to this second amendment have not been filed by the Registrant who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits upon request of the Commission.) (13)
- 4.4 Third Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver, dated as of July 24, 2002 among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., the Lenders party thereto and Union Bank of California, N. A., as administrative Agent for the Lenders. (Exhibits to this Amendment have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits upon the request of the Commission.) (14)
- 4.5 Fourth Amendment to the Credit Agreement between the Company and the Lenders named therein dated September 27, 2002. (Exhibits to this Amendment have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits upon the request of the Commission.) (15)
- 4.6 Fifth Amendment to the Credit Agreement between the Company and the Lenders named therein dated February 6, 2003. (Exhibits to this Amendment have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits upon the request of the Commission.) (19)
- 4.7 Sixth Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver, dated as of May 27, 2003 among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., the Lenders party thereto and Union Bank of California, N. A., as administrative Agent for the Lenders. (Exhibits to this Amendment have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits upon the request of the Commission.) (17)

Exhibit No.

- 4.8 Seventh Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver, dated as of September 5, 2003 among Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., the Lenders party thereto and Union Bank of California, N. A., as administrative Agent for the Lenders. (Exhibits to this Amendment have not been filed by the Registrant, who hereby undertakes to file such exhibits upon the request of the Commission.) (18)
- 10.3 Indenture of Lease Agreement dated as of December 20, 1994 by and between Richard J. Tobin, as Trustee of JLN Realty Trust, under Declaration of Trust dated June 15, 1981 and filed with Bristol County Fall River District Registry of Deeds Land Court Records as Document 12977, and Wakefield Engineering, Inc.(6)
- 10.4(a) Lease modification and extension agreement dated February 4, 1998 by and between Richard J. Tobin as Trustee u/d/t dated June 15, 1981 and entitled "J L N Realty Trust" and Wakefield Engineering, Inc. (7)
- 10.6 Lease dated October 31, 1979 by and between Landcee Investment Co. and Lockhart Industries, Inc. together with addendum and amendments thereto.(8)
- 10.6(a) Letter Agreement Lease Extension dated August 8, 1999 between Landcee Investment Company and Lockhart Industries, Inc.(9)
- 10.7 Lease dated August 29, 1984 by and between Garfield-Pacific Development Co. and Lockhart Industries, Inc., together with addendums and amendments thereto.(8)
- 10.7(a) Letter Agreement Lease Extension dated August 8, 1999 between Garfield Pacific Development Co. and Lockhart Industries, Inc.(9)
- 10.8 Registrant's 1994 Stock Option Plan as amended and restated.(11)*
- 10.8 Industrial Space Lease dated as of September 29, 1995 by and between Rancon Income Fund I and Wakefield Engineering, Inc. (6)
- 10.8 Lease dated September 1, 1993 between B&K Investment Corp. and Specialty Extrusions, Ltd., together with assignment thereof dated June 30, 1995 from Specialty Extrusions, Ltd. to Specialty Acquisition Corp. (now known as Specialty Extrusion Corp.) (6)
- 10.8(a) First Amendment of Lease dated September 28, 1999 between B&K Investment Company and Wakefield Extrusion Company (now known as Specialty Extrusion Corp.) (9)
- 10.9 Lease dated October 1, 2002 between 33 Bridge Investors, LLC and Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. (15)
- 10.10 Purchase and Sale Agreement dated September 27, 2002 between Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. and 33 Bridge Street Investors, LLC.(15)
- 10.11 Employment Agreement dated November 1, 2003 between Lawrence Butler and Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.(Filed Herewith)*
- 10.12 Employment agreement dated November 1, 2003 between Robert Streiter and Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.(Filed Herewith)*
- 10.13 Employment agreement dated November 1, 2003 between James Polakiewicz and Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.(Filed Herewith)*
- 14. Code of Ethics. (Filed Herewith)
- 16. Letter from Grant Thornton LLP, dated May 14, 2002.(16)
- 21. Subsidiaries of Registrant. (Filed Herewith)
- 23.1 Independent Auditors' Consent of Deloitte Touche LLP. (Filed Herewith)
- 23.2 Consent of Independent Public Accountants Grant Thornton LLP (Filed Herewith)
- 31.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Filed Herewith)
- 31.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Filed Herewith)
- 32.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Filed Herewith)

- * Management Contract or Compensatory Plan
- (1) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed on January 23, 2001.
- (2) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed on August 14, 2000.
- (3) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 4, 2000.
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Reg. No. 33-2979), which became effective March 7, 1986.
- (5) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed September 28, 1987 (Reg. No. 33-17359).
- (6) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 29, 2000 filed on January 31, 2001.
- (7) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed June 23, 1992 (Reg. No. 33-48663).
- (8) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 27, 1996 filed on January 27, 1997.
- (9) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 1999 filed on January 31, 2000.
- (10) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2000 filed on June 6, 2000.
- (11) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, dated April 10, 2002.
- (12) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 28, 2001 filed on February 11, 2002.
- (13) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 27, 2002 filed on March 13, 2002.
- (14) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 28, 2002 filed on September 11, 2002.
- (15) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed on October 4, 2002.
- (16) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 8-K/A filed on June 11, 2002.
- (17) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 28, 2003 filed on June 11, 2003.
- (18) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 28, 2003 filed on September 10, 2003.
- (19) Incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 27, 2002 filed on February 11, 2003.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.

Ву:	/s/ Lawrence Butler
	(Lawrence Butler)
	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 9, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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Signature	Title	Date	
/s/ Lawrence Butler (Lawrence Butler)	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	January 9, 2004	
/s/ Robert C. Streiter			
(Robert C. Streiter)	Chief Operating Officer, President and Director	January 9, 2004	
/s/ JAMES J. POLAKIEWICZ (James J. Polakiewicz)	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	January 9, 2004	
/s/ Marshall D. Butler			
(Marshall D. Butler)	Director	January 9, 2004	
/s/ RICHARD E. GORMLEY			
(Richard E. Gormley)	Director	January 9, 2004	
/s/ Donald K. Grierson (Donald K. Grierson)	Director	January 9, 2004	
/s/ Frederic A. Heim	_		
(Frederic A. Heim)	Director	January 9, 2004	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries as of October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 20, in 2002 the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets."

Dalata + Touse LP

Boston, Massachusetts January 9, 2004

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries for the year ended October 28, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated results of operations and consolidated cash flows of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. and subsidiaries for the year ended October 28, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Houston, Texas December 14, 2001

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	
	(In thousa share-rel	ids, except ted data)	
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,677	\$ 751	
October 26, 2003 and \$245 at October 27, 2002	5,745	7,198	
Inventories, net	6,553	7,585	
Prepaid expenses	1,364	1,201	
Total current assets	15,339	16,735	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	12,103	14,991	
GOODWILL		12,980	
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	10,046	9,608	
OTHER ASSETS, net	807	1,319	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 38,295	\$ 55,633	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 3,486	\$ 2,967	
Accrued compensation and related benefits	612	700	
Other accrued expenses	716	584	
Current portion of long-term debt	1,000	3,000	
Total current liabilities	5,814	7,251	
REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY	3,200	3,200	
LONG-TERM DEBT	18,150	18,650	
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	470	652	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,634	29,753	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 14)			
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:			
Preferred stock, \$100 par value; 180,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding			
Common stock, \$.03 par value; 17,000,000 shares authorized; 8,529,826 shares			
issued at October 26, 2003 and at October 27, 2002	256	256	
Additional paid-in capital	47,504	47,336	
Accumulated deficit	(31,128)	(15,530)	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(77)	(288)	
Treasury stock, at cost; 1,419,490 common shares at October 26, 2003 and at October 27, 2002	(5,894)	(5,894)	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	10,661	25,880	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 38,295	\$ 55,633	

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For the Years Ended		
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001
	(In thousan	ds, except per	share data)
SALES	\$ 46,801	\$ 55,574	\$67,914
COST OF SALES	41,715	47,343	53,940
Gross profit	5,086	8,231	13,974
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Research and development	396	496	926
Selling, general and administrative	5,837	6,117	9,031
Impairment of goodwill	12,980	15,602	_
Impairment of other intangible asset	323	_	
Restructuring and other non recurring charges			822
Total operating expenses	19,536	22,215	10,779
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME	(14,450)	(13,984)	3,195
LOSS ON SALE OF LAND AND BUILDING TO RELATED PARTIES	-	(2,097)	_
INTEREST INCOME	11	30	201
OTHER INCOME, net		_	72
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEBT MODIFICATIONS		(561)	(650)
INTEREST EXPENSE	(2,042)	(2,510)	(2,546)
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE (BENEFIT) PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT) PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX:	(16,481)	(19,122)	272
CURRENT			63
DEFERRED	(883)	(7,634)	102
(BENEFIT) PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX	(883)	(7,634)	165
(LOSS) INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(15,598)	(11,488)	107
LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATION, net of applicable taxes	_	_	(79)
GAIN ON SALE OF DISCONTINUED OPERATION, net of applicable taxes			277
NET (LOSS) INCOME	<u>\$(15,598)</u>	<u>\$(11,488</u>)	\$ 305
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE BASIC AND DILUTED:			
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (2.19)	\$ (1.62)	\$ 0.02
Loss from discontinued operation	_		(0.01)
Gain on sale of discontinued operation			0.03
Net (loss) income	\$ (2.19)	<u>\$ (1.62)</u>	\$ 0.04
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON AND POTENTIAL COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING		_	
Basic	7,110	7,110	7,038
Diluted	7,110	7,110	7,468

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

For the Years Ended October 26, 2003, October 27, 2002 and October 28, 2001

	Common	Stock	Additional Paid-In	Accumulated	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Treasury	Stock	Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Loss	Shares	Amount	<u>Equity</u>
Balance October 29, 2000	8 169 345	\$245	\$44,421	1n thousanus e \$ (4,347)	except share amou	1,394,353	\$(5.804)	\$ 34,515
Comprehensive loss:	0,107,515	φ2 13	V 1 1, 421	Ψ (1,517)	Ψ	1,001,000	Ψ(5,004)	Ψ 5 1,515
Net income		_		305			_	305
Change in value of interest rate								
swap (net of applicable taxes)	-	_	_	_	(345)	_		(345)
Comprehensive loss								(40)
Tax benefit of disqualifying disposition of incentive stock			550					550
options		_	559	_	_	_	_	559
Right offering proceeds	270,946	8	1,956	_	_	_		1,964
Right offering expense			(221)		_	_		(221)
Issuance to employees pursuant to stock option plans	86,369	3	168	_	_	_	_	171
Stock repurchases		_		_		25,137	(90)	(90)
Compensation associated with stock options		_=	12	=				12
Balance October 28, 2001	8,526,660	256	46,895	(4,042)	(345)	1,419,490	(5,894)	36,870
Comprehensive loss:	-,,		,	(, ,		, ,	() ,	,
Net loss	_	-	_	(11,488)		-		(11,488)
Change in value of interest rate swap (net of applicable taxes)			_		57	_	_	57
Comprehensive loss								(11,431)
Issuance of warrants pursuant to loan restructuring		_	148	_	_		_	148
Issuance of warrants pursuant to sale of facility	_	_	274	-	_			274
Issuance to employees pursuant to stock option plans	3,166	_	7	_	_		_	7
Compensation associated with stock								
options			12		 ,			12
Balance October 27, 2002	8,529,826	256	47,336	(15,530)	(288)	1,419,490	(5,894)	25,880
Comprehensive loss:								
Net loss			_	(15,598)	_	_	_	(15,598)
Change in value of interest rate swap (net of applicable taxes)	_			_	211			211
Comprehensive loss								(15,387)
Issuance of warrants pursuant to loan restructuring	_	~	159		_			159
Compensation associated with stock options	-		9		_	_	_	9
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Balance October 26, 2003	8,329,826	\$256	\$47,504	<u>\$(31,128)</u>	<u>\$ (77)</u>	1,419,490	<u>⊅(3,894)</u>	\$ 10,661

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	F	or the Years Ende	ed
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001
		(In thousands)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net (loss) income Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided	\$(15,598)	\$(11,488)	\$ 305
by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Amortization of financing fees Asset impairments	3,281 403 13,303	3,775 299 15,602	4,985 212 —
Gain on sale of discontinued operation Loss (gain) on sale of property and equipment Costs associated with debt modifications	_ _ _ 9	2,097 561	(277) (44) 650
Deferred stock compensation expense Deferred income taxes Net cash provided by discontinued operations Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(574) —	(7,634)	12 102 151
Accounts receivable Inventories Prepaid expenses Accounts payable	1,497 1,032 (163) 519	2,119 464 (37) (1,555)	5,024 1,211 284 (1,682)
Accrued compensation and related benefits Other liabilities	$ \begin{array}{r} (88) \\ 297 \\ \hline 3,918 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} (300) \\ \phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000000$	$ \begin{array}{r} (1,043) \\ \underline{(248)} \\ 9,642 \end{array} $
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from sales of property and equipment and business			
ventures	(390) $ 48$	4,490 (459) — (354)	2,310 (1,288) (49,551) (317)
Cash flows from investing activities	(342)	3,677	(48,846)
Proceeds from stock rights offering and stock options, net of costs Payments to repurchase common stock	-	7	2,019 (90)
Payments for bank amendment fees and debt issue costs	(150) — — —	(656) 3,500 (2,500)	(1,327) 7,200 (5,000) 35,000
Payments on long-term debt	(2,500)	(8,750)	<u>(8,261)</u> 29,541
Cash flows from financing activities	(2,650)	(8,399)	
EQUIVALENTS	926 751	(1,950) 2,701	(9,663) 12,364
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 1,677	\$ 751	\$ 2,701
NON CASH ACTIVITY: Tax benefits of disqualifying dispositions. Issuance of warrants related to debt. Issuance of warrants related to sale of facility	\$ <u>-</u> \$ 159 \$ <u>-</u>	\$ — \$ 148 \$ 274	\$ 454 \$ — \$ —

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Business

Alpha Technologies Group, Inc. ("Alpha" or the "Company") designs, extrudes, fabricates and sells thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products for use in a variety of industries including automotive, telecommunication, industrial controls, transportation, power supply, factory automation, consumer electronics, aerospace, defense and microprocessor industries. The Company extrudes aluminum for its use in the production of thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and sells aluminum extrusions to a variety of industries including the construction, sporting goods and other leisure activity markets.

Accounting Periods

The Company follows a 4-5-4 week quarterly accounting period cycle wherein each quarter consists of two four week months and one five week month. The last day of the fiscal year is always the last Sunday in October.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Alpha and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. As more fully described in Note 3 — Discontinued Operations, the financial statements reflect the subsystems business, which was sold on November 17, 2000, as discontinued operations.

Use of Estimates and Other Uncertainties

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition and Allowances for Sales Returns, Doubtful Accounts and Warranties

The Company recognizes revenues when (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (2) products and services have been delivered to the ultimate customers, (3) the price is fixed or determinable, and (4) collectibility is reasonably assured. The Company's shipping terms are generally FOB shipping point.

Allowances for doubtful accounts are provided for account receivables considered uncollectible. Reserve for sales returns are provided in the period in which the related sale is recognized. The allowance for doubtful accounts and sales returns is based on our assessment of the collectibility of specific customer accounts, the aging of our accounts receivable and trends in product returns. While we believe that our allowance for doubtful accounts and sales returns is adequate and that the judgment applied is appropriate, if there is a deterioration of a major customer's credit worthiness, actual defaults are higher than our previous experience, or actual future returns do not reflect historical trends, our estimates of the recoverability of the amounts due us and our sales could be adversely affected.

The Company does not generally provide a warranty on the goods that it sells. However, customers do have the right to return merchandise deemed defective when received. These returns generally occur at the point of delivery when the goods are subject to customer inspections. Reserves for these potential returns are provided when the related sale is recognized. Claims for defective goods have not been significant in any period presented.

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The following is a roll forward of the allowances provided for doubtful accounts and sales returns (including returns related to defective goods):

	For the Years Ended			
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001	
		(In thousands)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$245	\$204	\$270	
Provisions recorded	-	96	9	
Write-offs, net of recoveries	(13)	(55)	<u>(75</u>)	
Balance at end of year	\$232	\$245	\$204	

Risk Management and Hedging Activity

The Company's risk management strategies include the use of an interest rate swap (see Note 7) to hedge against the impact on cash flows of changes in interest rates. The interest rate swap is designated as a cash flow hedge of specific variable rate debt and is carried on the balance sheets at fair value. The Company evaluates its interest rate swap each quarter to determine if it is effective. No other derivative instruments are held. The effective portion of unrealized gains or losses on the fair value of the swap is charged to other comprehensive income until the hedged transaction is complete and affects earnings. Ineffectiveness is charged to earnings as incurred. Amounts related to ineffectiveness have not been significant to date.

Inventories and Inventory Reserves

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market and are priced using the first-in, first-out method. Inventory purchases and commitments are based upon future demand forecasts for our products and our current level of inventory. Inventory reserves have been established for excess and obsolete items. If there is a sudden and significant decrease in demand for our products or there is a higher risk of inventory obsolescence because of rapidly changing technology and requirements, we may be required to increase our inventory reserve and as a result, our gross profit margin could be adversely affected.

The following is a roll forward of reserves provided for inventory:

	For the Years Ended		
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001
		(In thousands)	
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 660	\$ 863	\$ 329
Provisions recorded	447	36	906
Write-offs, net of recoveries	<u>(474</u>)	(239)	(372)
Balance at end of year	\$ 633	\$ 660	\$ 863

Property and Equipment

The cost of property and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of such assets, ranging from three to fifteen years. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful lives of the leased assets.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company assesses the recoverability of long-lived assets, including intangible assets, held and used whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that future cash flows (undiscounted and without

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

interest charges) expected to be generated by an asset's disposition or use may not be sufficient to support its carrying amount. If such undiscounted cash flows are not sufficient to support the recorded value of assets, an impairment loss is recognized to reduce the carrying value of long-lived assets to their estimated fair value.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The Company records as goodwill the excess of purchase price over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired. Statements of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," prescribe a two-step process for impairment testing of goodwill, which is performed annually, as well as when an event triggering impairment may have occurred. The first step tests for impairment, while the second step, if necessary, measures the impairment. The Company has elected to perform its annual analysis during the third quarter of each fiscal year as of June 1.

Loss Contingencies

The Company is subject to the possibility of various loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business. An estimated loss contingency is accrued when it is probable that a liability has been incurred or an asset has been impaired and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. We regularly evaluate current information available to us to determine whether such accruals should be adjusted.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) includes net income or loss, plus other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive loss in fiscal years 2003, 2002 and 2001 consists of fair value adjustments related to the interest rate swap agreement, net of tax.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company employs the intrinsic value based method of accounting for stock options. The intrinsic method measures compensation cost for stock options as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the Company's stock at the measurement date over the exercise price. Compensation related to awards to non-employees is measured using the fair value method.

For fiscal 2003, 2002 and 2001, \$9,000, \$12,000 and \$12,000, respectively, was recognized as expense for options issued to non-employees under the Company's stock option plans. The Company applies the intrinsic value method of accounting for stock based compensation granted to employees and expects to continue to do so, unless required to change by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share has been determined as if the Company has accounted for options issued to employees under the fair value method of that statement. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The weighted average assumptions for fiscal 2003 were: expected volatility 103.59%, risk free interest rate of 4.25%, expected option life of 7.0 years and no expected dividends. The weighted average assumptions for fiscal 2002 were: expected volatility 80.12%, risk free interest rate of 3.98%, expected option life of 4.0 years and no expected dividends. The weighted average assumptions used for fiscal 2001 were: expected volatility 65.71%, risk free interest rate of 5.10%, expected option life of 4.0 years and no expected dividends. In addition, adjustments were made for estimated cancellations.

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company's employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

management's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its employee stock options.

For pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. If the fair value based method of accounting for employee awards had been applied, the Company's net income or loss and net income or loss per share would have been as follows:

	Fo	r the Years End	led
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001
	(In thousan	nds, except per s	share data)
Net loss as reported	\$(15,598)	\$(11,488)	\$ 305
After-tax stock based compensation determined using the intrinsic value method	9	12	12
After-tax stock based compensation determined using the fair value method	(1,154)	(1,875)	_(1,600)
Pro forma net loss	<u>\$(16,743</u>)	<u>\$(13,351</u>)	<u>\$(1,283)</u>
Basic and diluted net loss per share:			
As reported	<u>\$ (2.19)</u>	<u>\$ (1.62)</u>	\$ 0.04
Pro forma	<u>\$ (2.35)</u>	<u>\$ (1.88)</u>	<u>\$ (0.17)</u>

The estimated weighted average fair value of options granted during fiscal 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$1.37, \$2.48 and \$4.10, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using current enacted tax rates. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the results of operations in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company reassesses the recoverability of its deferred tax assets by evaluating all available evidence and assessing whether it is more likely than not that all or some portion of its recorded assets may not be recoverable. To the extent that assets are not likely to be recovered, valuation allowances are provided.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity". SFAS 150 establishes standards on the classification and measurement of certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. The provisions of SFAS 150 are effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 and to all other instruments that exist as of the beginning of the first interim financial reporting period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 150 did not have a material impact on our results of operations or financial position.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46 ("FIN 46"), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities". FIN 46 requires that if an entity has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity, the assets, liabilities and results of activities of the variable interest entity should be included in the consolidated financial statements of the entity. FIN 46 is effective immediately for all new variable interest entities created or acquired after January 31, 2003. For variable interest entities created or acquired prior to

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February 1, 2003, the provisions of FIN 46 must be applied for the first interim or annual period beginning after December 15, 2003. We do not believe that the adoption of FIN 46 will have a material impact on our results of operations or financial position.

2. Acquisitions

On January 9, 2001, the Company purchased all of the outstanding common stock of National Northeast Corporation ("NNE") from Mestek, Inc. (the "Seller"). The purchase price was \$49,900,000 in cash. Pursuant to the agreement, the Seller and certain of its affiliates agreed not to engage in the manufacture and sale of aluminum extrusions and aluminum heat sinks for four and one half years. The Company used \$14,800,000 of its cash on hand and \$39,800,000 in borrowings under its credit facility to pay the purchase price and \$1,300,000 in transaction costs and costs for the credit facility and to satisfy \$3,400,000 in outstanding debt under its old credit facilities, including a \$378,000 early termination fee. The acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase transaction, and accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed for the acquisition based upon their estimated fair values. The Company initially elected to amortize the portion of the purchase price allocated to goodwill over 20 years. Amortization ceased upon adoption of SFAS No. 142. The operating results of NNE have been included in the Company's consolidated results of operations since its acquisition date.

3. Discontinued Operations

On November 17, 2000, Malco Technologies Group, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alpha, sold substantially all of the assets and the subsystems business (the "Business") located in Colmar, Pennsylvania, to a privately owned company (the "Buyer"). The sale included Malco's accounts receivable, inventory, machinery, equipment, tools, business machines, office furniture and fixtures and certain intangibles including but not limited to customer lists, trade names and engineering designs and the agreement by Alpha and certain of their affiliates not to engage in any business, directly or indirectly, that competes with Malco for three years. Alpha received \$2,200,000 in cash plus a three-year, 12% note for \$300,000 and Buyer assumed certain payables and liabilities of the Business. The sale resulted in a gain of \$277,000, net of income tax expense of \$70,000.

4. Inventories

Inventories consisted of the following on:

	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002
	(In tho	usands)
Raw materials and components	\$2,281	\$2,598
Work in process	2,910	3,219
Finished goods	1,995	2,428
	7,186	8,245
Reserves	(633)	(660)
	\$6,553	\$7,585

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5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following on:

	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002
	(In tho	usands)
Machinery & equipment	\$ 31,225	\$ 30,932
Leasehold improvements	1,188	1,134
	32,413	32,066
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(20,310)	(17,075)
	\$ 12,103	\$ 14,991

6. Accrued Compensation and Related Benefits

Accrued compensation and related benefits consisted of the following on:

	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002
	(In tho	usands)
Accrued compensation and related benefits	\$602	\$680
Other	<u>10</u>	
	\$612	\$700

7. Debt and Revolving Credit Facilities

Revolving Credit Facilities and Term Debt consisted of the following on:

	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002
	(In tho	usands)
Variable-rate revolving credit facility, interest payable monthly	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
Variable-rate term note, interest payable monthly, principal is payable quarterly	7,150	9,650
Portion of variable-rate term note covered by swap agreement, interest and principal is payable quarterly	12,000	12,000
	22,350	24,850
Less current portion	(1,000)	(3,000)
	<u>\$21,350</u>	<u>\$21,850</u>

On January 9, 2001, the Company and its subsidiaries, as guarantors, entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with several banks and other financial institutions ("the Lenders"). The Credit Agreement consists of a revolving credit facility which expires in January 2005 and a term loan which matures in January 2006. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are secured by a first lien on and the assignment of all of the Company's assets. The Credit Agreement has been amended seven times. Under the Credit Agreement, the Company must meet certain covenants. The Company was not in compliance with certain financial covenants contained in the Amended Credit Agreement for the quarter ended July 27, 2003. The Credit Amendment was amended on September 5, 2003 to revise the Maximum Leverage Ratio and Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the balance of the fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2004 to levels that management

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believes the Company will be able to achieve. The Lenders waived the events of non-compliance with certain covenants at July 27, 2003. In addition, the September 5, 2003 amendment added new Minimum EBITDA and Interest Coverage covenants for the remainder of fiscal year 2003 and fiscal year 2004, revised the allowable amounts to be spent on capital expenditures for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 and eliminated the Minimum Net Worth requirement. For periods ending on or after April 1, 2004, interest on the revolving credit facility and term loan will increase by .5% at maximum financial leverage levels. Lastly, the September 5, 2003 amendment reduced the principal payments from \$750,000 to \$250,00 per quarter for the remainder of fiscal year 2003 and from \$1,500,000 to \$250,000 per quarter for fiscal year 2004. The expiration date of the revolver was extended from June 2004 to January 2005. The term debt continues to mature on January 2006 at which time a final balloon payment of \$11.0 million will be due. Fees for the Fifth and Sixth Amendment and waiver were approximately \$52,000 and \$38,000, respectively. Fees for the Seventh Amendment and waiver, including the fair value of warrants to purchase the Company's Common stock issued to the lenders, totaled approximately \$220,000.

Under the Amended Credit Agreement, the revolving credit facility accrues interest on outstanding borrowings at LIBOR plus 3.5% (4.67% on October 26, 2003) and expires on January 2005. There is also an unused line fee equal to .75% per annum. The Company may borrow up to the lesser of \$5 million or 60% of eligible accounts receivable (\$3.3 million at October 26, 2003), as defined by the Amended Credit Agreement. Prior to the amendments, the Company was allowed to borrow up to \$15 million. As of October 26, 2003, \$3.2 million has been drawn and is outstanding on the revolving credit facility. A portion of the outstanding term loan (\$12.0 million on October 26, 2003) is covered by an interest rate swap (the "hedged loan"). The hedged loan effectively accrues interest at a fixed rate of 8.47%. The balance of the term loan not covered by the swap, \$7.2 million on October 26, 2003, consists of a note which accrues interest at the relevant LIBOR rate plus 3.5% (4.64% at October 26, 2003). Term loans require quarterly principal payments through January 2006.

The Company, as required by the Amended Credit Agreement, utilizes an interest rate swap (the "swap") to hedge against the impact on cash flows of changes in interest rates. The interest rate swap is designated as a cash flow hedge of a specific portion of the term loans outstanding under the Credit Facility and is carried on the balance sheets at fair value. The effective portion of unrealized gains or losses on the fair value of the swap is charged to other comprehensive income, net of applicable taxes, until the hedged transaction is complete and affects earnings. Ineffectiveness is charged to earnings as incurred. Amounts related to ineffectiveness have not been significant to date. The effect of the swap is to convert the interest rate on the hedged portion of the term loans from a variable rate to a fixed rate of 8.47%. The swap matures on March 31, 2004. The carrying value and fair value of the swap was a liability of \$129,000 and \$477,000 at October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, respectively. The swap liability is included in accrued expenses. During 2003, changes in the value of the swap reduced interest expense by \$348,000. The remaining carrying value of the swap will reduce interest expense in 2004.

Future minimum principal payments on the revolving credit facilities and the term loans are as follows:

	in thousands
2004	\$ 1,000
2005	10,400
2006	10,950
	\$22,350

Cash paid for interest on all outstanding debt aggregated \$1,606,000, \$2,281,000 and \$2,338,000 for the years ended October 26, 2003, October 27, 2002 and October 28, 2001, respectively. The Company's Amended Credit Agreement does not permit the Company or its Subsidiaries to declare or pay cash dividends.

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8. Preferred Stock

On October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, the Company had authorized 180,000 shares of unissued, preferred stock with a par value of \$100 per share. The Board of Directors has the authority to issue such preferred stock and to set the terms thereof, including the dividend rate, conversion rights, redemption rights, voting rights and liquidation preferences. There are no shares of preferred stock outstanding as of October 26, 2003.

9. Repurchase of Common Stock

In October 1999, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a plan to purchase up to \$500,000 of the Company's common stock in the open market. Pursuant to the stock repurchase plan, the Company purchased 25,137 shares of common stock at an aggregate price of \$90,000 during fiscal year 2001.

10. Stock Option Plans

The Company has in effect nonqualified and incentive stock option plans under which shares are available for exercise. As of October 26, 2003, the Board of Directors has reserved 1,954,527 shares of common stock for issuance under the plans. The prices at which substantially all stock options outstanding have been granted have been equal to or in excess of the fair market value of the Company's stock at the time of the grant. These options vest over periods up to three years. On October 26, 2003, there were 368,319 shares available for future grants.

The following table summarizes activity and outstanding options under the plans:

	Shares Under Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding on October 29, 2000	1,208,282	\$4.76
Granted-Option Price = FMV	558,826	7.56
Granted-Option Price < FMV	23,174	9.49
Forfeited	(109,168)	6.66
Exercised	(100,954)	2.56
Outstanding on October 28, 2001	1,580,160	5.83
Granted-Option Price = FMV	262,500	4.08
Forfeited	(75,118)	5.92
Exercised	(3,166)	2.07
Outstanding on October 27, 2002	1,764,376	5.58
Granted-Option Price = FMV	1,576,208	1.77
Forfeited	(1,754,376)	5.60
Exercised		_
Outstanding on October 26, 2003	1,586,208	1.77
Exercisable as of:		
October 28, 2001	756,335	\$4.07
October 27, 2002	1,071,562	5.04
October 26, 2003	1,274,055	1.78

ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
Range of Exercise Prices	Outstanding as of 10/26/2003	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Exercisable as of 10/26/2003	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
\$0.00-\$1.00	11,000	4.4 Years	\$0.80	0	\$	
1.01- 2.00	1,575,208	8.7	1.78	1,274,055	1.78	
	1,586,208	8.6	1.77	1,274,055	1.78	

On February 28, 2003, the Company offered to eligible employees, directors and consultants ("Eligible Employees") the opportunity to exchange all their outstanding options to purchase shares of Alpha Common stock for new options which were to be granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 1994 Stock Option Plan. The number of shares subject to the new options to be granted to each Eligible Employee was equal to the number of shares subject to the options tendered by the Eligible Employee and accepted for exchange. Eligible Employees tendered options to purchase 1,575,708 shares. The exercise price per share (\$1.78) of the new options was 100% of the fair market value on the date of grant, October 8, 2003, which was at least six months and one day after the date the Company cancelled the options accepted for exchange.

In April, 2002, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders approved an amendment to the 1994 Stock Option Plan, which provided for options to purchase 5,000 shares to be automatically granted to non-employee directors at the Annual Meetings to be held in 2003 and 2004. In November, 2001, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 1994 Stock Option Plan to increase the aggregate number of shares subject to the Plan to 2,400,000 shares, subject to shareholder approval which was subsequently obtained at the 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In April, 2001, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders approved an amendment to the 1994 Stock Option Plan, which provided for options to purchase 5,000 shares to be automatically granted to non-employee directors at the Annual Meetings to be held in 2001 and 2002 and set the maximum number of shares as to which options may be granted to any one individual under the Plan during any calendar year at 250,000.

11. Warrants

On January 28, 2002, March 4, 2002, and September 5, 2003, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 36,666 shares at an exercise price of \$2.89 per share, an aggregate of 73,334 shares at an exercise price of \$1.94 per share, and an aggregate of 148,225 shares at an exercise price of \$1.62 per share, respectively, of common stock of the Company to its Lenders in connection with amendments to its Credit Agreement dated December 26, 2000. These warrants were fully vested and exercisable at the date of issuance and will expire in five years from the date of grant. None of these warrants have been exercised as of October 26, 2003. The value of the warrants (determined using the Black-Scholes pricing model) was \$306,000 and is being amortized to interest expense over the remaining life of the loan.

On October 1, 2002, warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of the Company's Common stock were issued to 33 Bridge Investors, LLC. in connection with the sale and leaseback transaction as described in Note 18. The warrants were fully vested and exercisable at the date of issuance at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share and will expire in ten years. None of these warrants have been exercised as of October 26, 2003. The fair value of the warrants (determined using the Black-Scholes pricing model) was \$274,000 and was expensed as a component of the loss on the sale of land and building.

12. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing income (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares of Common stock outstanding during each year.

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Diluted earnings per common share are calculated to give effect to stock options and warrants outstanding during the period. The treasury stock method is used to calculate dilutive shares and reduces the gross number of dilutive shares by the number of shares purchasable from the proceeds of the options assumed to be exercised. For fiscal year 2003 and 2002, potentially dilutive shares were not considered in the computation as their effect would have been antidilutive. The amounts used in calculating basic and dilutive earnings per share and the amounts that would have been used in fiscal 2001 through 2003 were:

	For the Years Ended			
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001	
		(In thousands)		
Income (loss) used in basic and diluted Earnings per share:				
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$(15,598)	\$(11,488)	\$ 107	
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ -	\$ (79)	
Gain on sale of discontinued operation net of applicable taxes	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$_277</u>	
Net (loss) income available to common shareholders	<u>\$(15,598</u>)	<u>\$(11,488</u>)	\$ 305	
Shares:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	7,110	7,110	7,038	
Net common shares issuable on exercise of stock options(1)			430	
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding	<u>7,110</u>	7,110	7,468	

(1) Antidilutive

For fiscal year ended October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, 7,342 and 47,266 potential common shares, respectively, were excluded from the calculations above because the effect was antidilutive.

13. Income Taxes

The (benefit) provision for income taxes for continuing operations was as follows:

	For the Years Ended			
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001	
		(In thousands)		
Federal income tax	\$(826)	\$(6,561)	\$102	
State income tax	<u>(57</u>)	(1,073)	<u>63</u>	
Total (benefit) provision for income taxes	<u>\$(883</u>)	<u>\$(7,634)</u>	<u>\$165</u>	

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The differences in the income taxes provided for the amounts determined by applying the Federal statutary rate to income before taxes of the Company are summarized as follows:

	For the Years Ended		
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001
Federal income statutory rate	(34.0)%	(34.0)%	34.0%
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	(5.6)	(5.6)	6.8
Effect of SFAS No. 145 reclassification	_	_	21.1
Change in valuation allowance	34.2	_	_
Other		(0.3)	<u>(1.2</u>)
Total (benefit) provision for income taxes	(5.4)%	<u>(39.9</u>)%	60.7%

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and liabilities and their changes during the year end ended October 26, 2003 were as follows:

	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	
	(In thousands)		
Deferred Tax Assets:			
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 6,383	\$ 4,165	
Amortizations	9,625	5,149	
Tax credits	436	795	
Accrued liabilities	152	55	
Other	605	757	
Total gross deferred tax assets	17,201	10,921	
Less: valuation allowances	(6,143)	(500)	
Net deferred tax asset	11,058	10,421	
Deferred Tax Liabilities:			
Amortization and depreciation	(1,012)	(813)	
Net deferred tax asset	\$10,046	\$ 9,608	

Cash paid for income taxes aggregated \$90,000, \$136,000 and \$300,000 for the years ended October 26, 2003, October 27, 2002 and October 28, 2001, respectively.

The Company evaluates the recoverability of its recorded deferred tax assets each reporting period and provides valuation allowances where necessary for assets not likely to be recovered. The Company increased its valuation allowance to \$6,143,000 from \$500,000 at October 27, 2002, as management determined it would be unlikely that the Company will be able to realize the future tax benefit associated with the current year's write-off of goodwill and other intangible assets. In fiscal 2001, the valuation allowance decreased by \$454,000.

As of October 26, 2003, the Company had pre tax operating loss carry forwards for both Federal and State of approximately \$16,120,000 (\$6,383,000, net of tax), unused investment and research and development tax credits of approximately \$208,000 and \$228,000 of alternative minimum tax credits available to offset future Federal income taxes. The Federal net operating loss carry forwards will expire from 2017 to 2021, the investment tax credit and research and development tax credit carry forwards will expire from 2004 to 2006, and the alternative minimum tax credit has no expiration. The state net operating loss carry forwards will expire from 2004 to 2007.

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14. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

The Company has operating lease commitments for certain office equipment and manufacturing, administrative and support facilities. Minimum lease payments under noncancellable leases, including amounts related to the sale leaseback discussed in Note 18, are as follows:

	Total	
	(In thousands)	
Fiscal year ending October:		
2004	\$ 1,810	
2005	1,487	
2006	1,233	
2007	1,236	
2008	1,246	
Thereafter	7,060	
Minimum lease payments	<u>\$14,072</u>	

Rent expense (exclusive of operating expenses and net of sublease rents) for operating leases for continuing operations was approximately \$1,918,000, \$1,337,000 and \$1,416,000 in fiscal 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. Total rent expense was approximately \$2,019,000, \$1,422,000 and \$1,501,000 in fiscal 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Contingencies

From time to time, the Company becomes involved in litigation incidental to its business. Management, based on its understanding of the facts and, where necessary advice of counsel, does not believe that matters currently pending, either individually or in the aggregate, would have a material impact on financial position or the results of operations.

15. Retirement Plans

The Company sponsors a defined contribution plan which is available to all domestic employees. This plan provides for employer contributions based on employee participation. The total expense from continuing operations under the plan was \$292,000 and \$346,000 for the years ended October 27, 2002 and October 28, 2001, respectively. Employer contributions were suspended for the entire 2003 fiscal year.

16. Business Segment Information

The Company has one operating segment, which manufactures thermal management and non-thermal fabricated products and aluminum extrusions. The Company derives substantially all of its operating revenue from the sale and support of one group of products and services with similar characteristics such as the nature of the production processes, the type and class of customers, and the methods of distribution. Substantially all of the Company's assets are located within the United States. In addition, the Company's chief decision-maker and management make decisions based on one product group.

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	For the Years Ended			
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001	
		(In thousands)		
Net sales by geographic area:				
Sales to customers within the continental United States	\$43,818	\$53,446	\$65,331	
Exports from the United States to unaffiliated customers	2,983	2,128	2,583	
Total Sales	\$46,801	<u>\$55,574</u>	<u>\$67,914</u>	

Net sales to one customer totaled approximately 10.4%, 11.6% and 10.1% of consolidated revenues for the fiscal years ended October 26, 2003, October 27, 2002 and October 28, 2001, respectively.

17. Restructuring Costs

In response to the decline in demand for the Company's products resulting from the economic downturn in the markets served by the Company's products, the Company took significant actions to reduce operating expenses and incurred restructuring costs totaling \$822,000 in fiscal 2001. Such restructuring costs consisted of severance costs (\$257,000) and a non-cancelable lease commitment on an unused administrative facility (\$565,000). The following summarizes the changes in the restructuring cost liability since the date the charge was taken in 2001.

	Lease Commitment	Severance	Total
	(In thousands)		
Charges taken in 2001	\$ 565	\$ 257	\$ 822
Payments made	(33)	(188)	(221)
Balance October 28, 2001	532	69	601
Payments made	(267)	<u>(69</u>)	(336)
Balance October 27, 2002	265	-	265
Payments made	<u>(75</u>)		<u>(75</u>)
Balance October 26, 2003	\$ 190	<u>\$</u>	\$ 190

18. Sale and Leaseback Transaction with Related Parties

On October 1, 2002, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Wakefield Thermal Solutions, Inc. ("Wakefield") entered into a sale and leaseback transaction for its 171,235 square foot Pelham, New Hampshire manufacturing facility (the "Property"). Wakefield sold the Property to 33 Bridge Investors, LLC ("33 Bridge"), a newly-formed entity in which Marshall D. Butler, a director of the Company owns 50% of the equity interest, for a purchase price of \$4,750,000. In connection with the sale and leaseback transaction, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.03 per share, to the members of 33 Bridge, including warrants to purchase 125,000 shares of Common stock to Marshall D. Butler, at an exercise price of \$1.42 per share. The warrants were valued at approximately \$274,000 using the Black Scholes method. The book value of the land, buildings and improvements was approximately \$6.3 million. Selling costs were approximately \$300,000, excluding the value of the warrants. The loss on the sale of the property was \$2.1 million (\$1.3 million, net of tax).

Effective on October 1, 2002, 33 Bridge and Wakefield entered into a lease whereby Wakefield leased from 33 Bridge the Property for 15 years at an initial rent of \$630,000 per year with annual increases between 2% and 2.5% per annum. Wakefield is responsible for operating expenses including taxes, utilities, insurance

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and maintenance. The obligations of Wakefield under the lease are guaranteed by the Company. The Company incurred rental expense of approximately \$61,000 in October 2002 related to this lease. Rental expense in fiscal year 2003 for this lease was approximately \$629,000.

The purchase price and other terms of the sale and leaseback transaction were the result of arm's length negotiations between representatives of the Company and representatives of 33 Bridge. The terms of the transaction were approved by the members of the Audit Committee of the Company constituted as a Special Committee of Independent Directors. The Company applied the net proceeds to a \$5,000,000 principal payment made on October 1, 2002 pursuant to its Credit Agreement, dated December 26, 2000, as amended (the "Credit Agreement").

19. Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's principal financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, variable rate debt outstanding under the Company's Credit Agreement, and the interest rate swap utilized as a cash flow hedge. The carrying amounts for these financial instruments approximate their estimated fair values.

The fair market values of financial instruments were estimates based on market conditions and perceived risks at October 26, 2003 and October 27, 2002, and require varying degrees of management judgment. The factors used to estimate these values may not be valid on any subsequent date. Accordingly, the fair market values of the financial instruments presented may not be indicative of their future values.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair market value of each class of financial instrument:

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in banks and money market accounts as well as highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less when purchased. The carrying amount approximated fair market value due to the short-term maturity of the instruments.

Variable-rate revolving credit facility and term notes

The carrying amount of the credit facility approximates fair market value because of the renewing feature of the facility. The fair market value of the notes is estimated based on quoted market prices.

Interest rate swap agreement

The Company, as required by the Amended Credit Agreement utilizes the swap to hedge against its interest rate risk. The fair market value represents the amount Alpha would receive or pay to terminate the agreement taking into consideration current interest rates.

20. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

An independent valuation advisory firm was engaged to assist the Company with its annual impairment test as of the designated test date of June 1. These tests concluded that \$13.0 million and \$15.6 million of the goodwill carried on the books as of June 1, 2003 and June 1, 2002, respectively, was impaired. The fair value of the Company's single reporting unit was determined by using established valuation techniques, specifically, the income, market and cost approaches. Management believes that this impairment was caused by the downturn in the economy which severely impacted the markets served by the Company's products. This impairment has been reported as a separate component of operating expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. Goodwill, net of amortization, has been reduced from \$28.6 million at October 28, 2001 to \$13.0 million at October 27, 2002 and from \$13.0 million to \$0 at October 26, 2003.

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The following reconciliation summarizes the impact that the adoption of SFAS No. 142 had on the Company's net (loss) income and earnings per share.

	For the Years Ended			
	October 26, 2003	October 27, 2002	October 28, 2001	
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net (loss) income:				
Net (loss) income, as reported	\$(15,598)	\$(11,488)	\$ 305	
Add: Goodwill amortization(1)	_	_	765	
Goodwill impairment charge(1)	12,980	9,954		
Adjusted net income (loss)	<u>\$ (2,618)</u>	<u>\$ (1,534)</u>	\$1,070	
Basic earnings per share:				
Net (loss) income, as reported	\$ (2.19)	\$ (1.62)	\$ 0.04	
Add: Goodwill amortization(1)			0.11	
Goodwill impairment charge(1)	1.83	1.40		
Adjusted net income (loss)	<u>\$ (0.36)</u>	<u>\$ (0.22)</u>	\$ 0.15	
Diluted earnings per share:				
Net (loss) income, as reported	\$ (2.19)	\$ (1.62)	\$ 0.04	
Add: Goodwill amortization(1)	-		0.10	
Goodwill impairment charge(1)	1.83	1.40		
Adjusted net income (loss)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.14	
Note (1) — Net of applicable taxes				
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	7,110	7,110	7,038	
Diluted	7,110	7,110	7,468	

The Company performs impairment analyses of its long-lived assets whenever events and circumstances indicate that they may be impaired. All long-lived assets other than goodwill are assessed for impairment by comparison of the total amount of undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by such assets to their carrying value. In July 2003 it was determined that a an intangible asset related to a non compete agreement between the Company and a former owner of Lockhart Industries, Inc., which is now a subsidiary of Alpha Technologies Group, Inc., no longer had any value. The carrying value of this asset before the impairment write-off was \$323,000. This impairment has been reported as a separate component of operating expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Operations

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21. Summary of Quarterly Results of Operations

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year
	(In thousands, except per share data)				
2003					
Net sales	\$11,421	\$12,209	\$ 11,658	\$11,513	\$ 46,801
Gross profit (net sales less cost of sales)	1,188	1,482	1,193	1,223	5,086
Net loss	(473)	(348)	(13,871)	(906)	(15,598)
Loss per common share					
Basic and diluted:					
Net loss	<u>\$ (0.07)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>	<u>\$ (1.95)</u>	<u>\$ (0.12)</u>	<u>\$ (2.19)</u>
2002					
Net sales	\$12,587	\$13,933	\$ 15,258	\$13,796	\$ 55,574
Gross profit (net sales less cost of sales)	1,781	2,388	2,490	1,572	8,231
Net loss	(314)	(348)	(9,833)	(993)	(11,488)
Loss per common share					
Basic and diluted:					
Net loss	<u>\$ (0.04)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>	<u>\$ (1.38)</u>	<u>\$ (0.14)</u>	<u>\$ (1.62)</u>

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